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**JEFF HORNACEK ANSWERED** students' questions about his life experiences and memories playing for the Utah Jazz during his visit to USU's campus Tuesday night. *TODD JONES photo*

## Retired Jazz player tells students of NBA career

By DAN SMITH  
news senior writer

Former Utah Jazz player Jeff Hornacek spoke to a packed TSC ballroom last night about helping others become better at what they do while climbing to success in his own life.

Hornacek said he never thought he would play basketball, let alone become an NBA star. His was a story of an underdog finding triumph in the face of adversity.

"I was determined to try to prove people wrong," he said. "They didn't think that I could – I was too small, so I always had it in the back of my mind that I'm determined, that I can show them this."

USU freshman Evan Folland was in attendance at the event and said that he grew up watching Hornacek play basketball. He said he always looked up to Hornacek and was interested to hear his advice to the students.

"He's one of the greatest ...

he's clutch. He didn't go around talking like he was a big something. He just did what he did and was humble and, you know, got it done."

Hornacek said he feels "hard work, setting goals, seizing opportunities and a little bit of luck" are elements of how he got where he is now.

"I'm sure a lot of you are hitting that stage in your lives where you're starting to think about a career path and how you're going to be successful at it," Hornacek said, "I always set little goals and then step it up a little bit."

Growing up as the son of a baseball and basketball coach in the suburbs of Chicago, Hornacek said he always thought he would be a baseball player. His friends were all hockey and baseball players and rarely ever played basketball.

"I'm not one of those guys that came through my whole life going, 'Okay that guy's

definitely going to make it, he's going to play professional sports," Hornacek said.

Because his dad taught him how to dribble and shoot a basketball, Hornacek said when he was old enough to play in middle school, opportunities began to surface for him to excel at sports.

In high school, the kids were pretty big. He said he was just happy to make the team and eventually he got a lucky break and started scoring a lot of points and getting assists.

"One of the coaches from Iowa State asked my dad, 'What's Jeff doing?'" Hornacek said. He was originally planning to go to Cornell University, an Ivy League school in New York.

He said he took the risk of waiting for a scholarship at Iowa State and it paid off. Hornacek said his family was

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## Layout saving Bookstore money

By CATHERINE MEIDELL  
news editor

Now that campus is again bustling with students preparing themselves for the dawning semester, USU's Bookstore is highly concentrated with students rushing to find their textbooks, which have been reorganized by author's last name.

The new system the Bookstore has implemented has created confusion among students who are used to searching for their textbooks by department.

"I knew going into this was going to be bumpy," said David Parkinson, the Bookstore's director. "A lot of schools have switched to this system. San Diego State told us it would be tough, but in the end it's about flow."

Parkinson said when students grow accustomed to this new way of finding books, they will be in and out of the Bookstore more quickly. One of the biggest issues is that students don't know there are kiosks available that allow them to log-in and print off their booklist, which is in alphabetical order by last name, he said. If students knew this option was available, they may be more open to the new system, he said.

"Truly, what it boils down to is – you can't make people read,"

Parkinson said. "If you walk into the Bookstore there is a big red stop sign that says, 'Print your booklist.'"

Steven Moss, a junior and English major, said he has multiple books for a few of his classes, so instead of finding them all in one location, it takes more time to find the individual books when they are spread apart.

"I went into the Bookstore, went to the E's, the books I needed weren't there and I didn't know what to do, so I went home," Moss said.

Without the book lists that are made available for students to print out through seven kiosks located in the store, Cade Robinson, an international business major and junior, said the new system would be chaotic.

"The list saved me or else I would have been really confused," Robinson said. "Since you have to go by the last name it takes a lot longer to find the books. For chemistry I have a lab class and recitation, but they are in two different places now."

Kindsey Hansen, a freshman and sociology major said she was concerned that finding her books was going to take more time out of her schedule with the new organization.

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**STUDENTS BROWSE USU'S BOOKSTORE** at the beginning of the new semester. Some students felt the bookstore's new organization system made finding textbooks more complicated, while others saw the efficiency and appreciated the ability to print off a personalized book list before shopping. *CARL R. WILSON photo*



**CACHE VALLEY'S INVERSION** is caused by a cold layer of air close to the earth which pushes the warm layer to the top and inhibits air pollution from dispersing. *CARL R. WILSON photo*

## Cache Valley ranks No. 1 in country for worst air quality

By KAYLA HALL  
staff writer

Logan was ranked No. 1 for the worst air in the nation on Jan. 8-9, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov).

Randy Martin, USU associate research professor for the department of civil and environmental engineering said, "We have the perfect storm of conditions in Cache Valley, almost without exemption. Logan's particulate matter (PM) 2.5 issues are associated with inversions, but when you have an inversion, plus a lot of ammonium, automobiles and cold temperatures, it forms the PM 2.5."

By Jan. 9, Logan's air quality tripled the EPA standard of PM 2.5 allowed in the air.

"If impressions of precursor gasses increase, and if we have an inversion at the same time, we can see an increase in PM 2.5," Martin said. "We have seen, when we look at traffic counter data, an increase in PM2.5, but remember, to get the bad level, we have to have them both mixed together."

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## Nat'l Briefs

### Winter storm in South reveals culture clash

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) – The snow-and-ice storm that has shut down much of the South slowly rolled toward the Northeast on Tuesday, revealing a regional culture clash along the way.

Southerners seemed resigned to waiting out winter headaches such as slick roads and paralyzed airports. But people from Ohio to New York, who face up to a foot of snow in their third blast of winter in as many weeks, were already putting pressure on state and local governments to spare them from travel tangles and snow-choked roads.

Across the South, communities remained encrusted in ice and snow for a second straight day. Road crews fared little better than in the storm's opening hours, owing mostly to their lack of winter equipment. Frustrated motorists sat idle on slippery pavement or moved at a creep. Millions of people just stayed home.

In Atlanta, which had only 10 pieces of snow equipment when the storm hit, officials planned to bring in nearly 50 more pieces – the most resources marshaled for a storm in a decade. Mayor Kasim Reed said backup supplies of salt and sand were on the way, too.

The storm has been blamed for 11 deaths and many more injuries.

### Lawmakers head off picketing for victims

PHOENIX (AP) – Arizona legislators quickly approved emergency legislation Tuesday to head off picketing by a Topeka, Kan., church near the funeral service for a 9-year-old girl who was killed during Saturday's shooting in Tucson. Unanimous votes by the House and Senate cleared the way for the bill to go to Gov. Jan Brewer later Tuesday for her expected signature. It would take effect immediately.

Without specifically mentioning the Tucson shooting, the proposed law would prohibit protests at or near funeral sites.

Dozens of lawmakers co-sponsored the bill, and legislative action was completed within 90 minutes. The Senate's committee hearing took just three minutes.

The Westboro Baptist Church said Monday it plans to picket Thursday's funeral for Christina Taylor Green because "God sent the shooter to deal with idolatrous America." The fundamentalist church has picketed many military funerals to draw attention to its view that the deaths are God's punishment for the nation's tolerance of homosexuality.

Lawmakers denounced the church's plan to picket the funeral of a child.

## LateNiteHumor

*Top 10 Things Overheard During The Republicans' First Day In Charge Of The House – Jan. 5, 2011*

10. "Mr. Boehner, please stop crying."
9. "How do we blame this dead bird thing on Obama?"
8. "I think he was just sworn in on a copy of Snooki's new book."
7. "Beer me!"
6. "Alright, you've had six hours, is the economy fixed?"
5. "Speaker Boehner, please stop blowing your nose."
4. "When is vacation?"
3. "No, Senator McCain, Woodrow Wilson doesn't work here anymore."
2. "When do we get to have sex with the pages?"
1. "How soon can we go back to invading countries for oil?"

# Gifford shows progress after shooting

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) – One of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' doctors declared Tuesday she has "a 101 percent chance of surviving," as she made more progress, moving both arms and breathing on her own for the first time – just three days after a bullet shot through her brain.

Doctors emphasize she is in for a long recovery, and her neurosurgeon repeated his cautionary phrase of "she's holding her own."

But there was no denying what was clearly good news.

Giffords, a three-time Democrat, remains in critical condition at Tucson's University Medical Center where she was operated on Saturday after being shot during a meeting with constituents outside a Safeway supermarket. The attack killed six and injured 14 others. Six remained hospitalized.

Giffords' improvement has been incremental, but impressive. Doctors previously reported she raised two fingers of her left hand and gave a thumbs-up when responding to verbal commands. Now they say she is moving her arms.

"She has a 101 percent chance of surviving," said trauma chief Dr. Peter Rhee said. "She will not die. She does not have that permission from me."

She also can breathe on her own but still has a breathing tube in place as a precaution, said her neurosurgeon, Dr. Michael Lemole.

In their briefing Tuesday, doctors also reversed themselves in describing the path of the bullet. They now believe she was shot in the forehead, with the bullet traveling the length of the left side of the brain, exiting the back.

Doctors previously thought she had been shot in the back of the head. They came to the new conclusion after reviewing X-rays and brain scans and consulting with two outside physicians with experience treating combat victims.

The brain's left side controls speech abilities and the movement and sensation of the body's right side. Giffords' doctors will not speculate on the potential for long-term disabilities. But she is lucky the bullet did not cross into both sides, or hemispheres, of the brain, which can do devastating damage.

As doctors continued to monitor Giffords' recovery, details emerged about the care she received when she was rushed by ambulance to the hospital.

Trauma surgeon Dr. Randall Friese was the first to treat Giffords.

"I immediately went over to her bedside and began to coordinate



**HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER** of Ohio reenacts the swearing in of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., on Capitol Hill in Washington on Jan. 5. *AP Photo*

her care," he said.

That meant going through a checklist much like what a pilot would do before taking off. Doctors checked to make sure there weren't any other bullet wounds, put in a breathing tube and assessed her mental state.

Despite not knowing if Giffords could hear him, Friese said he took

her hand and told her that she was in the hospital and that doctors would take care of her.

"Then I said, 'Squeeze my hand, Mrs. Giffords.' And she did," recalled Friese.

He asked her several more times to press his hand and she responded.

# Texas board probing psychologist's work

DALLAS (AP) – The Texas agency that licenses psychologists is pressing forward with an investigation that could lead it to discipline one of the architects of the Central Intelligence Agency's post-Sept. 11 interrogation methods.

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has scheduled a Feb. 8 hearing to consider the case of Jim Mitchell, who former U.S. intelligence officers say was involved in waterboarding two suspected terror suspects in overseas prisons. Board records show that Mitchell is licensed in Texas but resides in Florida.

A document obtained by The Associated Press shows that an informal settlement conference has been scheduled to consider a complaint that was brought against Mitchell in June. One of the complainants is the

civilian attorney for Abu Zubaydah, a suspected al-Qaida facilitator who was waterboarded by Mitchell and his partner Bruce Jessen, according to former U.S. intelligence officials.

Sherry Lee, the board's executive director, said Tuesday she can't comment on ongoing inquiries. A woman who answered the phone listed by the board for Mitchell also declined to comment.

The complaint against Mitchell contends that he tortured prisoners in U.S. custody and details how he dealt with Abu Zubaydah, who was badly wounded after his 2002 capture in Pakistan. Former intelligence officials say he was taken to a CIA black site in Thailand.

According to the document, Abu Zubaydah was waterboarded at least 83 times in August 2002, sometimes as much as three times per session.

The complaint claims Mitchell "sullied his profession" by violating its basic standards of conduct.

The American Psychological Association has submitted a letter to the board stating that the allegations against Mitchell are unique in "the scope of misperception and harm" they have caused the public's understanding of the profession.

"Based on the public record as we know it, James Mitchell has forfeited his right to be a licensed psychologist in Texas, and we expect that the board will see it the same way," said Joseph Margulies, Abu Zubaydah's civilian lawyer.

Dicky Grigg, an Austin attorney whose name also appears on the complaint, said he believes the only thing that will be in dispute is whether the board will accept an explanation that Mitchell acted in the name of nation-

al security.

"I don't think he can get up there and say there was nothing wrong with his conduct," said Grigg, who represented three terror suspects imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay.

Grigg said Texas is the only state in which Mitchell is known to be licensed, although there's no evidence he has practiced in the state.

Board policy dictates that a settlement conference be held when probable cause of a violation exists. The proceeding, closed to the public, allows both a complainant and an accused party to state their cases in front of three members of the board.

The panel can then impose sanctions, which can range from a reprimand to forfeiture of a license. If the accused doesn't agree, the matter goes before an administrative law judge.

# Illinois Senate abolishes capital punishment

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) – The Illinois Senate voted Tuesday to abolish capital punishment, sending the historic issue to Gov. Pat Quinn and putting the state back at the center of an ongoing national debate.

Quinn wouldn't say whether he would sign the legislation.

In a state that has removed 20 wrongly condemned people from death row since 1987, the Senate voted 32-25 to end execution more than a decade after a former governor halted the punishment he called "haunted by the demon of error."

"We have a historic opportunity today, an opportunity to part company with countries that are the worst civil rights violators and join the civilized world by ending this practice of putting to death innocent people," said Sen. Kwame Raoul, the Chicago Democrat who sponsored the measure.

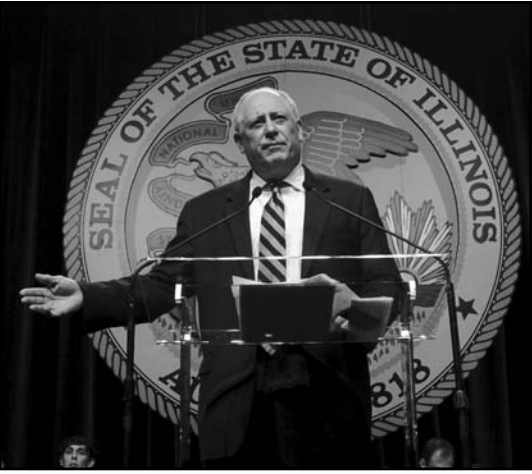
Illinois would be the fourth state since 2007 to rid its books of capital punishment.

But Democrat Quinn, already wrapped up in a debate over a massive tax increase that could sully his political future, won't say what he will do with an issue historically so explosive it can end careers. He supports the death penalty but said he would not lift the moratorium on executions imposed in 2000 by then-Gov. George Ryan until he was sure the system worked.

National experts and advocates said repeal in Illinois – which has executed a dozen people in the last three decades and at one time had 170 condemned inmates – puts weight behind the national discussion.

"This is a state in which this was used and then stopped, it was debated for years, fixed – or reformed – and finally there was a resolution by just getting rid of it, so that's about as thorough a process as any state could do," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center. "That's significant."

Former law enforcement officials in the Senate had argued prosecutors need the threat of death to



**ILLINOIS GOV. PAT QUINN** delivers his inaugural address after taking the oath of office during inaugural ceremonies, Jan. 10, in Springfield, Ill. *AP Photo*

get guilty pleas from suspects who opt for life in prison. They said allowing police and state's attorneys to continue seeking capital punishment will make them more willing to accept reforms in the ways crimes are investigated and prosecuted.

Others argued citizens still want the death penalty option for the worst of crimes.

"It's not a question of vengeance," said Sen. Bill Haine, D-Alton. "It's a question of the people being outraged at such terrible crimes, such bloodletting."

Illinois would join 15 states and the District of Columbia in ridding its books of capital punishment, including three – New Jersey, New Mexico, and New York – since 2007. A New York court declared the state's law unconstitutional in 2004 but decreed three years later it applied to the last inmate on death row.

"It's a clear trend," said Debra Erenberg, Midwest regional director for Amnesty International USA. Illinois' problems have "been a very clear exhibit of the flaws in the death penalty and the way it's been implemented across the coun-

try."

Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland and Montana are among other states that have considered repeal in the past year or still are pursuing it, experts said.

There's no proof Illinois ever executed an innocent person. But one man was hours from death before he was exonerated and 12 others had been removed from death row when Ryan put a moratorium on death and created a commission to study its problems. Just before leaving office in 2003, he cleared death row by commuting the death sentences of 167 people and exonerated four more.

Lawmakers, who already had created a state fund to pay for competent capital defenses, implemented further reforms that year, including training for defense lawyers, more thorough investigative practices such as videotaping confessions, and easier access to DNA testing.

Those reforms are working, opponents argued. "This is a tool to save additional lives," said Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Rockford. "Use it sparingly, yes, but to take it away will cost us additional lives."

Sen. Don Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat, took issue with several characterizations of a potential death penalty as a prosecutor's "tool." He said a prosecutor's promise not to seek death in exchange for a guilty plea holds the potential for as much mischief as confessions manufactured by police tortures in the 1980s that led to videotaping suspect interviews.

"This is not a tool. This is an awesome power," Harmon said. "Can you imagine if you had the power to say, 'You should do what I'm telling you to do, or I will use the full force of the law and the power of the state of Illinois to try to kill you?'"

Sen. Toi Hutchison, D-Chicago Heights, said she would likely want to see death for anyone who hurt her children, but the state should find life in prison sufficient for evil in this world.

"You deal" with prison, she said, "and then burn in hell for what you did."



# EcoCenter offers degree programs

By MEGAN BAINUM  
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The residents of Park City and Summit County now have the option to take classes through Utah State’s Regional Campuses and Distance Education program. The Swaner EcoCenter and Preserve, a donation to USU in 2010, began offering broadcast and online classes for the new spring semester.

Utah State started planning for USU degrees in fall 2010, said Martha Archuleta, associate dean for the Wasatch Front region. She said since the degrees now being offered through the ecocenter were already being delivered through USU’s regional campuses and distance education system, they were able to put everything into place “fairly quickly.”

Annette Herman, the executive director of Swaner Preserve, said the center was going to put off offering classes for a few years, but after talking with community members and leaders, realized it was something Park City and Summit County wanted.

“The community leaders were really interested in USU offering classes in the county, so it was a good time to launch,” Herman said.

The decision of what degrees to offer was made after meeting with community members, as well as focusing on degrees that relate to the center, Herman said. She said the community expressed great interest in the business aspect, which is why four majors under the business college were included.

The center will offer bachelor’s degrees in recreation resource management, residential landscape design, and business – accounting, entrepreneurship, economics, and management information systems. Students will be able to earn a master’s degree in natural resources as well.

Mark Brunson, head of the department of environment and society, said offering a degree like recreation resource management (RRM), will prepare students in managing outdoor settings like national and state parks and can “provide high-quality recreation experiences while protecting the land into the future.”

He said there are opportunities in the RRM field to find jobs throughout the state in small towns, such as Park City, since more communities hope to attract tourists “because of Utah’s natural beauty.”

Archuleta said the classes are available online and will also be delivered through interactive broadcasting where “students will be interacting in real time with the instructor and other students across the state.”

The Swaner EcoCenter has four to five different areas that are appropriate for holding classes for up to 20 people, Herman said.

“The students are observing the professor from a video screen, where the professor can see into the classroom as well,” Herman said. “The professor can ask questions and talk to the students just like they were in the same room.”

Herman said these classes include students all over the state that are apart of USU’s distance education program. She said “in theory,” the professor can be teaching in Logan and have students from all over the state of Utah participating.

Brunson said he hopes to see students throughout the state eventually be able to learn in a more combined environment, not just separate programs for “on-campus” and “off-campus” students.

“We really want students throughout the state to learn from each other ... and it’s a great opportunity to work closely with the people at the Swaner EcoCenter who share the passion our students and faculty have for building a world where humans and nature can coexist for the benefit of all,” Brunson said.

Archuleta said the programs that are being delivered at the EcoCenter are a major advantage because they coincide with the centers mission, which is: “To Preserve the land and the human connection to the natural landscape, to Educate the local and broader communities about the value of nature, and to Nurture both the ecosystem and the people connected with it.”

“We have a mission to educate, which is clearly Utah State’s mission as well, so it all worked out incorporating classes into the EcoCenter,” Herman said.

Brunson said the RRM program also incorporates his department’s mission.

“We’re especially excited to be able to use the Swaner EcoCenter and Preserve as an educational facility because its mission is so closely tied to what we do in our department. We teach students about living sustainably as well as making a living successfully, and that’s what the EcoCenter is about also,” Brunson said.

Archuleta said the estimated 6-10 students enrolled is what they were expecting for this semester and she is optimistic about how things will grow in the future.

“We anticipate we will have 6-10 students which is what we were targeting,” Archuleta said. “In a sense, this is a pilot phase for offering classes at the Swaner EcoCenter with the goal of a larger launch with additional recruitment efforts targeting fall semester 2011.”

Herman said since the center launched this information over Thanksgiving, the numbers for the first semester is positive.

“Thanksgiving is not a great time to get the word out so the fact that we had more than two or three is a great success in my mind,” she said. “We did what I call a soft launch that made it so we could start getting students here and make sure everything is up and running before more students start to enroll.”

Archuleta said with the late afternoon and evening classes being offered, people who are working full or part-time will have a better chance of being able to take a class.

## USU degrees available at Swaner EcoCenter

### Undergraduate

- recreation resource management
- residential landscape design
- accounting
- entrepreneurship
- economics
- management information systems

### Graduate

- natural resources



Herman said a few students are currently teachers in the county as well as adults who are either finishing up degrees or starting new ones.

“I would say we mostly have older, nontraditional students enrolled, which is what we were expecting,” she said.

However, Herman said she isn’t just excited for the older adults, but also the high school kids to help them have a better awareness of the “quality of education that Utah State provides.”

“I am excited about giving Summit County residents the chance to get some great education from USU and I think that through this we will start having interactions with college age people and adults and introduce another portion of the state’s residents to what USU has to offer,” Herman said.

The main project that had to happen before this was possible for the ecocenter, Herman said, was putting into place a “pretty expensive” IT infrastructure and cabling that was needed for the classrooms.

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# Textbook: Students learn alphabetic organization in store

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“I don’t want to be late for my next class because I’m going up and down the rows looking for my books,” she said.

Bookstore employee Rachel Holt

said the book list prints the list in alphabetical order, so it shouldn’t be difficult to go down the rows in order to grab the needed books.

To add to the confusion the new

system has created, the Bookstore is crowded, which adds to students’ frustration while searching for their books, said Casey Ragan, a junior majoring in speech and language pathology.

“A lot of people are angry at first, but it’s not a big deal after they realize their books are laid out for them; it’s easy,” said Stephanie Shurtliff, a sophomore majoring in human movement sciences. “It’s just like a library.”

Bookstore Director David Parkinson said the new system has been financially beneficial and has saved more than \$10,000 in labor already. When a textbook runs out, Bookstore employees know immediately that more need to be ordered.

“We shelve faster, we re-shelve faster, we can pull a Book-It order in five minutes and open up shelf space,” Parkinson said. “Is it different? You bet your boots it’s different, but we provide the tool student need to use it by making the kiosks available.”

Parkinson said the biggest issue has been students don’t want to take the time to understand the system, they repel change.

Trevor Nelson, ASUSU graduate senator, said he found that keeping the textbooks organized by department called for more “zigzagging” between aisles to find a handful of different subject matters. He said he was originally confused by the system like many other students, but realized that when the Bookstore is organized from A-Z by author’s last name it’s a more fluid process.

“It’s like swimming downstream. When you find all your books you are close to the check-out line and ready to go,” Parkinson said.

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# Inversion: Professor says locals are not working toward lowering pollution levels

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Martin said what occurred last week was a sustained inversion. Because we are in a small valley with low temperatures, it condenses the air particles and inversions in Cache Valley tend to last longer. This gives PM 2.5 more time to build to the higher levels.

Martin said an inversion is a warming of the air temperature with altitude. When the air is warm at the base of the earth, it filters and disperses. However, when cold air is at the base of the earth and warm air is above it, the cold air inhibits the warm air from filtering out the pollutants in the air. He said he tells his students that another reason why the air is trapped is because we live in a bathtub, with mountains surrounding us on all sides dis-enabling the air to move. The air is like a river, if there is nowhere for it to go, it forms a lake.

“Pzm 2.5 can be made up of a lot of different things,” Martin said. He explained that PM 2.5 can contained of mainly things, but the two main pollutants are caused from the agricultural industry and vehicle emissions to create ammonium nitrate.

Cache Valley gets a high source of ammonium

from the agricultural industry because of poor waste management, and a high source of nitrate from vehicle emissions.

“Ammonium nitrate makes up about 50 percent of PM 2.5 mass,” Martin said.

USU toxicology professor Roger Coulombe said animal studies have shown that PM 2.5 particles can get into the brain, vascular system, cells, and tissues.

Coulombe said the EPA originally had a standard set at 65 micrograms per meter cubed (µg/m3) of PM 2.5 particles allowed in the atmosphere. In 2001, that level was dropped to 35 µg/m3.

Martin said that when there is 35 µg/m3 in the atmosphere, a person is breathing one hundred million PM 2.5 particles within 24 hours on average.

The EPA standard set in 2001 translates into allowing a given area to exceed the standard of 35 µg/m3 of PM 2.5 seven or eight times per year, Martin said.

“There is also a long-term, annual average, but so far we are okay on that one,” Martin said. “If an area averages an excess over three years, they

are declared a non-attainment area and EPA rules kick in. Basically, the local and state agencies have to develop a plan, a State Implementation Plan, to describe how they are going to clean the air and maintain it.”

Logan city is doing very little to decrease the pollution, Martin said.

“There was a new burn ordinance established at the county level, but wood smoke is a very small part of our problem,” Davis said. “So far, the cities/county have really taken a wait-and-see-approach for the most part.”

“We cannot do anything about the weather, in Logan we just have an excess of ammonia, so the only thing we can control is how we behave with our vehicles,” Martin said. “In general, five to 10 percent of the vehicles produce 25 to 50 percent of the pollutants. Logan should have an inspection program to identify pollution vehicles. Most cars made after 1996 will pass.”

Visit cleanair.utah.gov for more information and suggestions for reducing pollution.

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## Briefs

Campus & Community

### Applications now available for 2011 ASUSU elections

USU’s student-run government is now accepting applications from students interested in running for office. Associated Students of Utah State University provides life experiences, student involvement and a great resume addition. ASUSU seeks to enhance the experience of USU students. The filing deadline for candidacy is Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. and the mandatory meeting is Feb. 1, at 5 p.m. in the TSC Auditorium. Elections will be held Feb. 22-25, 2011.

ASUSU encourages all students to get involved and does not discriminate based on age, race, gender or socioeconomic status. Positions include a scholarship and some positions include a monthly stipend; for exact amounts and more information see the elections packet which are now available packet from TSC 326 or download a version from [www.usu.edu/asusu](http://www.usu.edu/asusu). ASUSU advises any students interested in running to interview current position holders to gain knowledge on the position he or she is seeking.

Service Vice President Tasha Jorgensen, advises getting involved with the position now, asking questions and reviewing the student involvement website to gain insight on the position. As well as students interested in running for office, ASUSU is seeking students interested in volunteering to help in the elections process. It is an opportunity to earn service hours, get involved on campus, and gain public relations and marketing experience. If interested, please e-mail [lacey.saxton@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:lacey.saxton@aggiemail.usu.edu).

This year’s election theme is “SPEAK.” ASUSU encourages all students to do this and cast their vote for the officers that will be running USU. As a courtesy to all students, downloadable door hangers will be on the ASUSU website during the week of elections for students to put on their apartment doors stating that they have already voted and that they would not like to be exposed to any form of campaigning such as resident hall calls. Once students have cast their vote they will be able to find downloadable stickers on [www.usu.edu/asusu](http://www.usu.edu/asusu) that informs candidates that they have already voted.

### Avalanche course creates awareness

An avalanche awareness course will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, in Room 278 of the Biology and Natural Resources building. The course, which is normally \$50, is a free service to USU students and is sponsored by the Outdoor Recreation Program (ORP), formerly known as the Outdoor Recreation Center.

“We want students to discover the incredible outdoors of the Bear River area,” said ORP assistant coordinator Ryan Diehl. “This class will give winter travelers the first basic steps to staying safe.”

Many travelers, according to Diehl, can have a dangerous “ignorance is bliss” attitude while skiing or traveling in an undeveloped area.

According to the Utah Avalanche Center, the popular local sports of snowboarding, skiing, and snowmobiling have accounted for 83 percent of Utah avalanche fatalities since 2005.

“It is important to know before you go, and this is a great starting place for that,” said Brian Shirley, ORP project coordinator.

The class, instructed by Dr. Mike Jenkins, associate professor of the College of Natural Resources, will familiarize attendees with avalanche safety resources, knowledge of storm cycles, and the times of year for safe winter recreation.

The ORP, located east of Romney Stadium, is a division of Campus Recreation whose mission is to connect USU students to their community and natural resources through non-motorized recreational pursuits. As a service to facilitate USU students’ access to the outdoors, the ORP provides outdoor classes, trips and activities, along with, outdoor gear and guide book rentals.

■Compiled from staff and media reports





## Hornacek: Students listen as former NBA player remembers experiences from career

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not wealthy, which helped motivate his decision.

Hornacek walked on at Iowa State and when another player failed out, a scholarship became available. He said a "little luck" was involved.

"I was trying to be realistic and said, 'I'm not going to make it,'" Hornacek said. "I tried to study as hard as I could, believe it or not I was an accounting major. I had a backup plan there, that's really what I thought I'd end up doing."

He said as he was waiting to hear back from the NBA he had two jobs lined up with two different "Big 8" accounting firms.

Shortly after, Hornacek was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in 1986.

"I felt that when we were playing, that whole 'Dream Team' era, those guys, they weren't playing for the money, they were playing for the pride of winning the championship," Hornacek said. "Then the money came along with it. But that was their first objective was to win that championship."

He said nowadays players seem to be motivated more by money than anything else. Because of this, players are more business-like but may not have the fun that guys like Hornacek had "back in the day."

After he told his story, Hornacek fielded questions from the audience. One person asked how he balanced being a father and a professional athlete.

"If any of you are going to play professional sports, have the kids early," Hornacek said. "That way they're old enough to know

you're still good."

Hornacek's speech was filled with a message of hope for those who work hard, as well as anecdotal stories that kept the audience chuckling.

"We wanted somebody that would really get people excited about the basketball season," said ASUSU programming vice president Tom Atwood. "Obviously

Jeff Hornacek's a big name in basketball. He did a lot of great things for the Jazz — great role model."

Atwood said ASUSU Arts and Lectures has a lot of exciting events lined up for the Spring 2011 semester.

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**STUDENTS WATCH BRIAN GREEN** and Jeff Hornacek duke it out in a 3-point shooting competition following Hornacek's speech in the TSC Ballroom. *TODD JONES photo*

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**FORMER JAZZ PLAYER JEFF HORNACEK** faced off against USU's Brian Green in a 3-point shootout on Tuesday. Green, who led USU in three-point shooting last season, defeated the NBA great in a best-of-two series. He'll look to continue that success when the Aggies take on Boise State Thursday night. *TODD JONES photo*

## Hornacek pumps up USU students as team prepares for Boise State

By TYLER HUSKINSON  
web editor

First place in the Western Athletic Conference will be on the line Thursday when the Utah State Aggies (14-2, 3-0 WAC) put their nine-game winning streak on the line against the Boise State Broncos (11-5,

4-0 WAC) at Taco Bell Arena. After pulling out a big road victory against the Nevada Wolf Pack on Saturday, the Aggies seem to be back to form, but they will face a another big test in the Broncos on the road.

The Broncos are nearly as senior-laden as the Aggies. Seniors Robert Arnold and

La'Shard Anderson lead the scoring attack with 15 and 13 points per game, while fellow senior Paul Noonan is averaging just over 10 points a game. The Broncos lead a balanced attack as they are scoring 75 points per game, while allowing opponents to score 64 points per game.

The Aggies have won their last three games over the Broncos, and the last time the Broncos defeated the Aggies was on Feb. 14, 2009 in Boise, 66-56. Tip-off against the Broncos is slated for 8:15 p.m.

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## Newton leads Auburn to National Title over Oregon

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — He never heard a whistle, never felt his knee hit the turf. So, Auburn's Michael Dyer popped up, took a few steps, then stopped and looked around.

In that split second — the amount of time it takes to shout "War Eagle!" — Dyer placed himself right up there alongside Cam Newton, Bo Jackson and every other great player to wear the Auburn uniform.

Realizing the play was still going, Dyer started running again — past the tackler who thought he had him down, deep into Oregon territory. The stop-and-go maneuver — a once-in-a-lifetime run — set up a short field goal on the last play that sent No. 1 Auburn over the No. 2 Ducks 22-19 in the BCS title game Monday night.

"My knee wasn't down," Dyer said. "I didn't hear a whistle, not yet, so I was kind of like, looking, like, what's going on?"

With his 37-yard run, the freshman did what most fans thought impossible: He upstaged Newton, the Heisman win-

ner who turned his first — maybe only — season at Auburn into a title-winning run.

Three plays later, Dyer ran 16 yards to push the ball to the 1 and set up Wes Byrum's 19-yard field goal with no time left. It capped off a perfect 14-0 season, brought the title back to Auburn for the first time since 1957 and left the Southeastern Conference on top of college football for the fifth straight year.

Auburn won The Associated Press title with 56 of 59 first-place votes, capping a first-of-its-kind climb up the rankings — from No. 22 at the start of the season to No. 1 at the end.

"Fifty-three years, baby!" coach Gene Chizik said to the cheering crowd. "This is for you. War Eagle!"

Dyer was the key player in five crazy minutes of football at the end that were vastly different from the first 55, which were more of a bruising defensive battle than the offensive masterpiece so many had predicted.

The dramatic endgame began when Casey Matthews, son of the 1980s NFL linebacker Clay, punched the ball from Newton's hands while he was trying to lead Auburn on a drive that might have iced a 19-11 lead.

Oregon's offense, shut down by Nick Fairley and the rest of the Tigers' stout defensive front for most of the night, moved 45 yards over the next 2:17, and Darron Thomas threw a shovel pass to LaMichael James for a touchdown. Thomas hit Jeff Maehl for the 2-point conversion with 2:33 left and the game was tied — down to the last possession.

And that possession will be remembered for one incredible play.

Dyer took the handoff and ran off right tackle for about 7 yards, or so it seemed. Nothing was routine about this one. He wasn't sure his knee hit the ground, so he popped up and took a few

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## DuBose reflects on championship year

By RHETT WILIKSON  
staff writer

To say this season's Utah State volleyball team had a good year would be an understatement.

The Aggies won 24 matches, the seventh-most in school history, including the fourth-best start at 11-0. Collectively, they set an all-time USU single-season blocks record. They saw two seniors set all-time USU records in setter Chelsea Fowles (assists) and libero Christine Morrill (digs) and placed four players on all-conference teams. They also laid claim to the WAC Tournament Championship in Las Vegas in early December 2010 with a shocking sweep of No. 3-ranked Hawaii, who had not even lost a single set in conference play this season, in the title match. The Aggies' thrilling run was rewarded by the programs' fourth-ever NCAA tournament appearance, the only team from the state to qualify, with a loss at No. 4-ranked California to conclude the milestone-studded season.

After a whirlwind of success, head coach Grayson DuBose took a few minutes to sit down with The Utah Statesman to evaluate why so many things went right for his team this past fall.

**Utah Statesman (US):** What were your expectations heading into the season?

**Grayson DuBose (GD):**

We always felt like we would have a good team based on the seniors that we had. The seniors especially had high hopes for the team heading into the year. We came into (the season) with the goal to win the conference. Many (seniors) stayed in Logan to work out together over the summer, which was a positive sign from the get-go.

**US:** How prepared did you feel the girls were heading into the season?

**GD:** I think they were much more prepared, probably more than past years. The seniors wanted to go out with a bang and show that they were athletes. We had many of our key players

back, which I think was a big factor. A lot of our seniors, and (outside hitter) Josselyn (White), who had played a lot for us before. It's one thing to be prepared, and another to know that those who are prepared have been with us before and have the plays already.

**US:** Did the fast start surprise you?

**GD:** As a body of work, we were surprised. But game by game, it made sense why we were succeeding. We looked at the next event as the most important event. That was our approach in the gym.

**US:** Did the mid-season slump surprise you?

**GD:** We lost to some teams that I felt we should have beaten. That San Jose State loss (in Logan, Oct. 2) still sticks with me. You're not going to go undefeated, but we did actually have a chance to do it.

**US:** What were the keys to spark the turnaround?

**GD:** Occasionally, we hold what we call "come to Jesus" meetings. We held one on a Monday morning. I can't remember the date, where we said "we've got to figure this out. Let's get back to where we were." We have to do it that way because we can't do something like that after a match, because I'd say something stupid in that case.

**US:** During the slump, did you ever consider the fact that maybe your team simply wasn't as good as we had all originally thought?

**GD:** I don't think so. I always felt that we had a nice team. And the loss to Idaho (amid a nine-wins-in-10 stretch to end the season) was an aberration. We were never at a loss for who we were, just who we could be in the gym each day.

**US:** In the scope of your career, where would you rank that upset of Hawaii in the WAC final?

**GD:** I've had some unique

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## Andersen hires Matt Wells as quarterback coach

By ADAM NETTINA  
sports editor

Utah State football is on its way up. That's the message of head coach Gary Andersen, who despite leading the team to a second straight 4-8 season, is confident that the Aggie program is close to turning a corner. The 2010 season was fraught with injuries and unlucky breaks, but it didn't stop the team from registering some tremendous accomplishments, including a 31-16 win over rival Brigham Young before a national television audience. While the team is only a little more than a month removed from the season, Andersen has wasted no time in getting ready for next fall, making several staff changes and bringing in a new group of junior college transfers. The Utah Statesman recently sat down with Andersen and got his thoughts on his job security in Logan, his expectations for new players, and the effects of Utah State's recruiting efforts both in Utah and out-of-state.

**Utah Statesman (US):** Over the break you hired Matt Wells as a quarterback coach. What was it about Wells which convinced you to hire him? Given his experience, do

you expect him to have a relatively smooth transition?

**Gary Andersen (GA):** The reasons for hiring Matt is he is an experienced coach who has been at a number of different programs. He's been at Tulsa, he's been at Louisville. He's been at Navy and New Mexico. It brings another experienced coach onto the staff that has a bunch of years in Division-I coaching. The next thing I would say is he understands Logan. He went to school here. He's an alumni, and that's a positive for us — but is that the reason we hired him? No, but each one of those pieces to the puzzle is why Matt is a terrific fit for us. The most important thing about Matt and why we hired him at the end of the day is number one, he cares for players first — which is always my number one when I hire anybody — and number two, he is a great recruiter. Those are the two main reasons why I hired Matt Wells.

**US:** Your program signed four junior college players in the last month. What are your expectations for those young men, particularly quarterback

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# WAC Basketball Power Poll

With two weeks of WAC play in the rear-view, it appears that there are two very clear front-runners for the championship, three teams that seem to have no hope left, and four others that look like they will be stirring the pot and making things interesting all year long.

A few teams have overachieved, a couple have underachieved and a few others are just too all over the place to comfortably determine what kind of team they are.

That's only after two weeks though, so plenty could change between now and March when the WAC Tournament rolls around. As for now, here is where the teams stand:

**Utah State:** For the thrice-defending champions, they will be tops until somebody else can knock them off. Utah State's only losses of the season have come against teams who are in the top three in RPI in the nation, and despite a close game here and there, the Aggies have been perfect outside of those two losses.

**Boise State:** The WAC's early-season surprise gets that chance to knock off USU this Thursday at home. The Broncos have played a weak schedule, but have also maintained an impressive record thus far and are off to a 4-0 start in WAC play. Thursday's game against Utah State is arguable their biggest test yet this season.



rebounded strong to start this WAC season, opening up 3-1 so far with a 9-6 overall record. Five separate Vandal players are averaging more than nine points per game.



**New Mexico State:** A month ago, New Mexico State was a 2-7 team, but has since caught fire to propel its record to 8-9, with a 3-1 start to WAC play. The Aggies' fire as a team seems to be lacking without heart and soul Wendell McKines, but they still boast plenty of talent to be in the thick of the WAC race.



**Fresno State:** Much like Idaho, Fresno State is rebounding from losing most of what made their 2010 team competitive with Paul George jumping to the NBA and the graduation of Sylvester Seay. Still, Fresno has managed to open WAC play 3-1, its lone loss coming against New Mexico State.



**Nevada:** The downs have been much more abundant than the ups for this young Wolf Pack team en route to a 4-12 record on

the year. The mid-season addition of Olek Czyz should provide a big boost for this Nevada team that is in need of such a jump-start, but they don't look to be the contenders that they typically are.



**San Jose State:** The Spartans are indeed 0-4 in WAC play, but have played arguably the toughest slate of games yet for any WAC team. They still have a decent chance to finish close to the middle of the standings this year behind Adrian Oliver, who is far and away the leading scorer in the entire WAC.

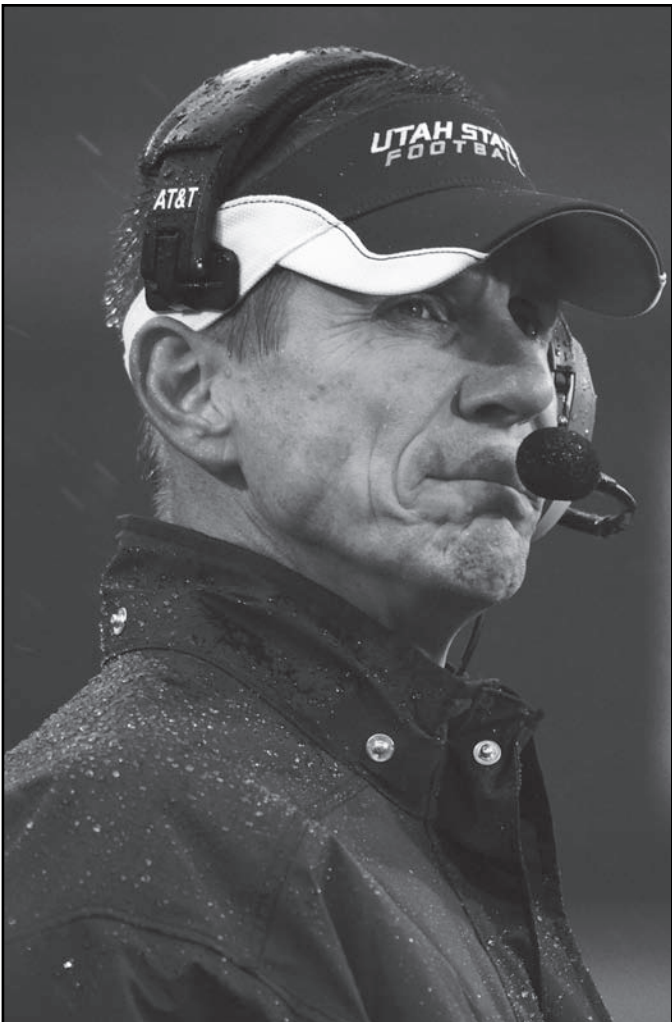


**Louisiana Tech:** 292 is the average RPI of teams that Louisiana Tech has beaten this season. In other words, not a single one of the Bulldogs' wins this year is anything to brag about. Getting beat by 30 on the road at Idaho does not help their case for legitimacy either. They still boast some solid talent, so a major turnaround isn't out of the question.



**Hawaii:** Joining La-Tech in the category of 0-4 WAC teams are the Warriors of Hawaii, who despite opening WAC play with an impressive showing against Utah State, have still yet to put together anything convincing. What puts them below the Bulldogs is that Hawaii has yet to win on the road this season.

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**GARY ANDERSEN** looks up at the scoreboard during his team's 28-6 loss to Idaho on Nov. 20. Andersen, whose team went 4-8 for the second straight year, named himself defensive coordinator in preparation for the 2011 season, and has hired former New Mexico assistant Matt Wells to coach quarterbacks. *TODD JONES photo*

## 2011: USU makes new hire

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be a sophomore while the other one will be a (redshirt) freshman – both in their first year of college. It just felt like we needed, number one, and like any position on the football field, to create competition. Number two, you want to space yourself effectively for not just the 2011 season, but for 2011 and beyond. We needed to be able to have a quarterback in there who is a junior, and we felt like we needed a junior college quarterback who has played in college games at the junior college level. It's a major step up to go to Division-I – there's no question about that – but Adam has done a nice job competing at a high level of junior college football and he brings some maturity and college experience to the quarterback position. What I expect out of Adam is to come in here and compete for the job. I would expect every young man on the football team to look at themselves and say, "I expect myself to be a start." I'm sure that's how Adam Kennedy looks at it and I'm sure that's how Alex Hart looks at it and I'm sure that's how Jeremy Higgins looks at it. If it's any different than they're not the true competitor that I hoped they would be, but I believe all three of those young men are looking to be the starting quarterback at Utah State when we go to Auburn next fall.

**US:** How have things been going on the high school recruiting trail? Are you noticing more recruits are receptive to the idea of playing at USU than when you first arrived in Logan?

**GA:** No question, absolutely. We always start in-state first, and when you sit back and look at in-state you look at our ability to first of all get into a recruiting battle with a highly recruited young man, we're right in there with everybody in the state. If we can compete with people within the state that is a great sign. People know who we are and they understand what we're about. They understand the core identity of our program and in the state of Utah that is to recruit the state of Utah first. Not just the recruits understand that, but I think the (high school) coaches understand that. That trickles down to parents and that trickles down to families. The word is out that this is a great place to go to school and get your degree. It is a tremendous social environment

and we're getting better at football. Our core values are that our coaches are going to take care of the young men first and foremost, and we're going to put a high expectation level on the young men in the area of academics and a high level of expectation on each young man in the social world that they live in. Obviously on the football field, we're going to place the expectation that we compete at a high level day in and day out, and we expect our young men to succeed in all three areas.

**US:** Based on last year's experience with offseason injuries and this year's unlucky injury streak, do you approach off-season workouts and spring ball any differently this season to try to prevent injuries?

**GA:** You know, if you sit back and look at it, we really didn't lose guys in workouts. Robert Turbin was a complete non-contact scenario – kind of a freak accident if you will. Stanley Morrison was non-football related. Matt Austin was in a game competing. Kellen Bartlett was in a game competing. The list goes on and on as far as where those kids are, so you look back and say, "Can we get our best 22 starters to get on an airplane and go play a football game?" The answer is absolutely and we'll do everything we can to do to protect them, whether it's in the weight room, whether it is in the offseason, whether it's during practice or in a game. But at the end of the day we have to do what we have to do to get as big and as strong and as fast as we can in the offseason. We won't really change how we operate, although it does make you step back and say, "Boy, we want to be a little careful." We always try to put safety first. Call it bad luck, call it whatever you want, but it's not going to change how we approach our offseason, nor our practices or conditioning in the weight room.

*Looking for more on the Aggies' 2011 season? Want to know what coach Andersen thinks of the changes in the WAC and the state of his job security? Make sure to check Friday's paper as the third year head coach talks about his personal expectations going into the offseason,*

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## Newton: Tigers finish season as undisputed champs

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more steps. Then he stopped and looked to his left. With his coaches and teammates urging him to keep going, and everyone on the field at a standstill, Dyer realized that, indeed, the referee hadn't blown his whistle. He took off and made it to the Oregon 23. An official review ensued and the replay showed that his knee had never touched the turf.

"All I knew was the whistle wasn't blowing and my coach was saying 'Go!'" Dyer said.

Eddie Pleasant, the Oregon defensive back who almost made the tackle, was stunned. "It hurts, you know?" he said. "It's not like he broke free and did some spectacular things. He was tackled. Everybody on the side of the defense stopped. He stopped and the coach told him to keep running and he ran."

Dyer finished with 143 yards and was chosen Offensive Player of the Game – a pretty big accomplish-

ment considering he had the Heisman Trophy winner playing alongside him.

Newton threw for 265 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 64 yards, most in short, punishing bites. He wrenched his back and had to go to the trainer after the game. Indeed, every yard came at a price in this one.

"I'm OK. It was worth it," he said. "I got the better deal out of the whole thing."

The game had been billed as an offensive show for the ages but wound up as something much different.

Wearing white jerseys with gray numbers, green pants and DayGlo shoes and socks, the Ducks got only 49 yards rushing from James, who averaged 152 on the season. An offense that had been held under 37 points only once all year managed just the two touchdowns. The last one came on a simple shovel pass from Thomas, who finished with 363 passing

yards — 81 of them on a long pass to Maehl that set up the first touchdown.

Oregon didn't come close to its nation-leading 49-point average, and the fast-paced offense that turned most opponents into mush in the second half couldn't wear down Auburn.

"Our defense was focused for one month," Chizik said of the 37-day layoff between the SEC and national title games. "They went out and practiced every day to win a national championship. Every day."

As did the Ducks, who finished 12-1, three points shy of their first national title but not making apologies for the effort they gave in the desert.

"I said in my first game as head coach that one game doesn't define you as a person or a football player," coach Chip Kelly said. "And the same thing still holds true. These guys are champions."

Only one team gets to take

home the trophy, though, and that team was led by Newton, who helped Auburn to its ninth comeback win of this improbable season. He has now won a national title three straight years — in 2008 as a backup to Tim Tebow at Florida, last year in junior college at Blinn, and now with the Tigers.

If he goes pro, this will mark the end of a tumultuous stay at Auburn, shadowed by an NCAA investigation into his failed recruitment by Mississippi State. The governing body cleared him to play before the SEC championship but said his father, Cecil, solicited money from the Bulldogs.

"Anything is possible," Newton said. "I guarantee, five or six months ago, that no one would bet their last dollar that Auburn would win the national championship. And now we're standing here."

Brown.

"For me as a player and as a young woman growing, I thought it was best (to transfer)," said the 6-footer, who plays both power forward and center. "I had to grow before coming to a place socially and religiously this different."

Her time as a Gaucho is something that Brown feels helped both her character and her game going forward, and that perhaps she had some lessons to learn before bringing such a needed skill set to USU on both ends of the floor.

Not that the Aggies didn't want her coming out of Chandler High School, said Aggie head coach Raegan Pebley.

So what kept her from jumping right into the Spectrum from the get-go?

"An immature fear caused me to go (to UCSB)," Brown said. "You realize coming out of high school how big this decision is. You realize how much nightlife means to you, that parties come and go. I wanted certain academics, team, style of play, coaching staff, and offensive and defensive style."

For Brown, it's "check all the above" so far in Logan.

That "style of play" requirement was a mantra echoed by both coach and player.

"The offense here suits me well," Brown said. "I've had my ups and downs and I'm trying to get there."

For Pebley, it's an array of skills that makes Brown such a threat from various spots on the court.

"We value her versatility," Pebley said. "Her coach (at UCSB) used her as a post, point guard, wing, and that helped develop her game to be a total package as a player. We also like having point forwards at the 4 (power forward position)."

Even off the court, Brown has always been charm to her coach.

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## Brown finds home in Logan

By RHETT WILKINSON  
staff writer

Transfers are not uncommon in the world of college athletics. It's a whole other thing to see one step into a program and dominate from the get-go, but that's precisely what junior post player Ashlee Brown has done so far this season for the Utah State women's basketball team.

Brown, who redshirted with the Aggies last season before the NCAA permitted her to take her skills to games this year, currently leads the team in both scoring and rebounding, at 13.7 points and 8.7 boards per game. Not only that, but she's helped the Aggies achieve single-game school records in both field-goal percentage (60.8 percent in an 80-66 win at Utah Valley) and blocked shots (14 at home in a win against Boise State). Above all, she's steered the team to a 6-7 non-conference mark and a conference-opening win over Boise that may indicate that the Aggies will be better than a projected near-the-bottom-of-the-barrel WAC finish in the pre-season polls.

Those marks all exist because of a critical decision Brown made in 2009 in leaving UC-Santa Barbara, a team that she eventually played regularly with during the Gauchos' run to the NCAA Tournament both years the Chandler, Ariz. native was attending school in the Sunshine State.

But then, the Gauchos saw a new sheriff come to town. Enter April 3, 2008 as a date that set in motion events to bring Brown to Logan.

Longtime head coach Mark French, who spent 21 years leading UC-Santa Barbara to 12 NCAA Tournament appearances and recruited Brown, retired and was replaced by former Cal-Berkeley assistant Lindsay Gottlieb. After one season experiencing a completely overhauled coaching staff, changes were also in order for





**ASHLEE BROWN** currently leads the Aggies in scoring with 13.7 points per game. The redshirt junior began her career at UC-Santa Barbara before transferring to Utah State. This is her first season playing for the Aggies. *CARL R. WILSON photo*

# Brown: Aggies continue WAC play

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"I loved her as a person, too, talking to her on the phone, everything," Pebley said of recruiting Brown. "I love her family. Sometimes with transfers, you have a concern that they will also transfer problems into your program. But we had a good feeling of what we were seeing from her. (At the time of the transfer), we asked her tough questions. I asked her if she wasn't going to transfer problems to the program. I felt good about her honesty. I felt like she made the right reasons for coming here."

Giving credit for her success to teammates is only a further indication that Brown only came to Utah with the purest of intentions.

"Without the players I have here – with (center) Banna (Diop), at 6-foot-6 and with her hands up, who's to say that she does not open up things? Bam (forward Amber White) on a pull-up; (guard) Dev (Christensen) from outside – I wouldn't be allowed to get the looks. The open looks comes

due to the bench, everybody. I'm not the one making the passes."

It's a graciousness that, Pebley said, comes along with a discovered confidence since Brown's transfer.

"Ever since she was a freshman, she was so deficient in her confidence," said Pebley. "I don't think I'd seen a player who was that talented, yet lacked so much confidence. She worked very hard, and wanted to lay a foundation that was very solid."

Pebly said Brown was able to build her house upon a rock largely because of a team that Brown herself repeatedly called "family."

"Having positive relationships around her all day has gone a long way to help her," Pebley said.

Brown said family support comes from both near and far. Her blood relatives were quite understanding of a move that almost rivals her soft-touch right baby hook.

"In the end, my family knew

that I had to do the best thing for me," she said. "They have always factored in my life and I love and respect them, but they were in support of the best options for me."

Options that have helped Brown grown into a leader. In her first year of playing eligibility at Utah State, she has been named co-captain with seniors Alice Coddington and White. Options that, at this rate, could lead to some big accomplishments both individually for Brown and for the team that she guides as the season draws nearer to all-important March.

"Transferring was a tough process, either way, choosing a second school. I've gone from high school, to never leaving the bench, to getting sixth-woman of the year (her sophomore year at UCSB), to not playing (as a redshirt transfer), to now playing again, it allows me to help lead because I can relate to just about any roll on a team."

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# Batman, Robin and the Aggies

Going into this basketball season, nobody doubted that Utah State would be a good team. Plenty were willing to speculate that the Aggies could even be called a great team. Then there were the most hopeful of optimists who believe that this year's USU team could go down as one of the greatest in school history.

Whether or not to say that will be, or was, the case, we will not know until March rolls around.

As of right now, we know that the floor for this Aggie team appears to be very low, and the ceiling is not yet known. It seems that on any given night, Tai Wesley is going to get his. He'll be good for around 15 points and eight or nine rebounds, but probably more with his new habit of staying out of foul trouble.

After that, it's been an adventure as to who will step up on any given night. Recently it seems like Brocketh Pane has assumed the role of Robin to Wesley's Batman, averaging nearly 14 points per game over the last seven contests.

From there, the roles of Alfred, Commissioner Gordon and Harvey Dent (prior to the burn incident obviously) are up for grabs when it comes to bringing justice to the basketball court for the Aggies. Pooh Williams, Tyler Newbold, Brian Green and Brady Jardine have all pitched in at least five games apiece in which they scored in double-figures this season. Not only that, but this season, each of them has had at least one massive impact on a game that, without the kind of stellar output they provided, the Aggies would have had another loss under their belts.

Now, with that said, this is normally the time of year when Stew Morrill's basketball teams have traditionally hit their stride

into becoming something special. If the big-time games from players other than Wesley and Pane become more and more frequent and occur more and more on the same evenings, this team could indeed live up to all the hype that it carried into the season.

The team's play has already been nothing short of impressive, and if evidence is needed of that, look no further than the games this season against Weber State, Northeastern and Hawaii. In each of those games, the Aggies either shot remarkably poorly, the opposing team was shooting lights-out or it was a combination of both. Yet each of those games has a W next to it on the Utah State schedule. Winning those kinds of games despite those off-nights is the kind of thing that a great team can do.

So imagine what this can be as the team continues to progress and those off nights become less and less frequent.

If the team effort the Aggies showed off last Saturday at Nevada is any indication of what's to come, then USU is hitting their stride at just the right time as they get ready to travel to Boise State Thursday for what should be the team's toughest test since Georgetown.

The Broncos are 4-0 in WAC play and have a core of players who are all prone to go off for a big game at any point, much like the Aggies. A win against Boise State would give every WAC team but USU at least one loss in conference play, with two of the toughest road games out of the way already for the Aggies.

In other words, it may be just the first week of school, but the Aggies are already facing a pretty tough mid-term test as far as the basketball season goes.

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# Dubose: Volleyball coach reflects on tournament run

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opportunities as a coach. I've won a national championship as a coach, but (the Hawaii game) ranks right up there. It was great to be there (at Orleans Arena) in Vegas and soak up the environment with the team. To have that win after the way we rebounded ... it's pretty cool.

*talks about being two points away from falling short of all their team goals, what he and the team thought about their ticket to volleyball's Big Dance, if it's even possible to replace all-time record-setters, and how he views Logan's own heckling students.*

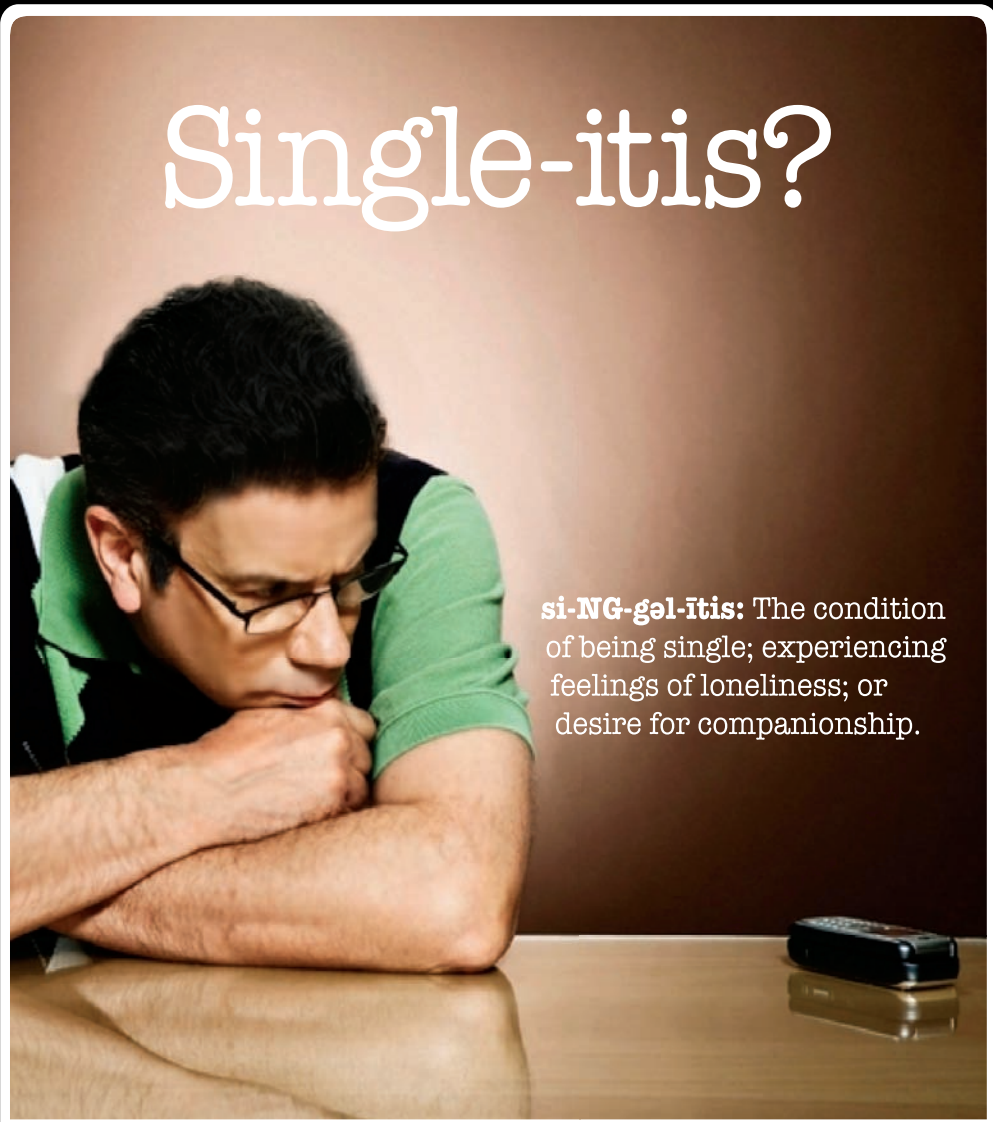
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## A trip through the years on USU's Quad

By GENEVIEVE DRAPER  
staff writer

Though the Quad is a familiar part of campus to all students, the use of the Quad has varied significantly throughout the university's history.

Bob Parson, university archivist, said the idea of the Quad was part of the master plan of the University in 1912.

"(It was) a campus commons. Most institutions have a center of campus, a college green," Parson said.

Parson said the Quad did not start out looking like it does today. For many years the Quad was used for military parades and drills. Drills were mandatory for all students until after the Korean War, though women could opt out of them by taking "physical elocation."

The buildings around the Quad also have a military history, due to WWI, when federal funds were designated for barracks. Parson said the USU president at the time, E.G. Peterson, convinced the state legislature to match these funds to make more permanent buildings.

The four buildings were the Engineering building, the current Ray B. West building, the Animal Science building and the Plant Science building – now known as Geology building.

The Quad was completely circled with buildings in the 1930s, when once again federal funds for emergency relief during the depression helped construct the "Commons Building" which is now known as the Family Life building, Parson said.

The final building to complete the circle around the Quad was the first university library built on the east end, also during the 1930s.

After WWII, an influx of students made additions necessary, and according to the university website, this work was completed in 1967. It was dedicated in 1969, and renamed after the academic vice president, Milton R.

Merrill.

Parson said the library remained open during construction in the 1960s, and the 1930 library remained but a box was built around it. The old library was demolished in 2006. Currently the site is again under construction for the new agriculture building.

"By the end of the 1930s, the quad was pretty close to the way it is now. The sidewalks weren't in exactly the same place. A lot of the trees now were planted during the 1930s period," Parson said. This development included irrigation, curbs and gutters.

Until after WWII, the main university buildings continued to be mostly clustered around the Quad. Parson said, "The Quad was campus."

The Union Building (TSC) in the '50s, as well as the College Bluebird, met student needs and were near the campus. The College Bluebird opened in 1928 and was located just off campus where the LDS Institute building now stands. It allowed students a place to smoke, which was not allowed on campus until after the Second World War, said Parson.

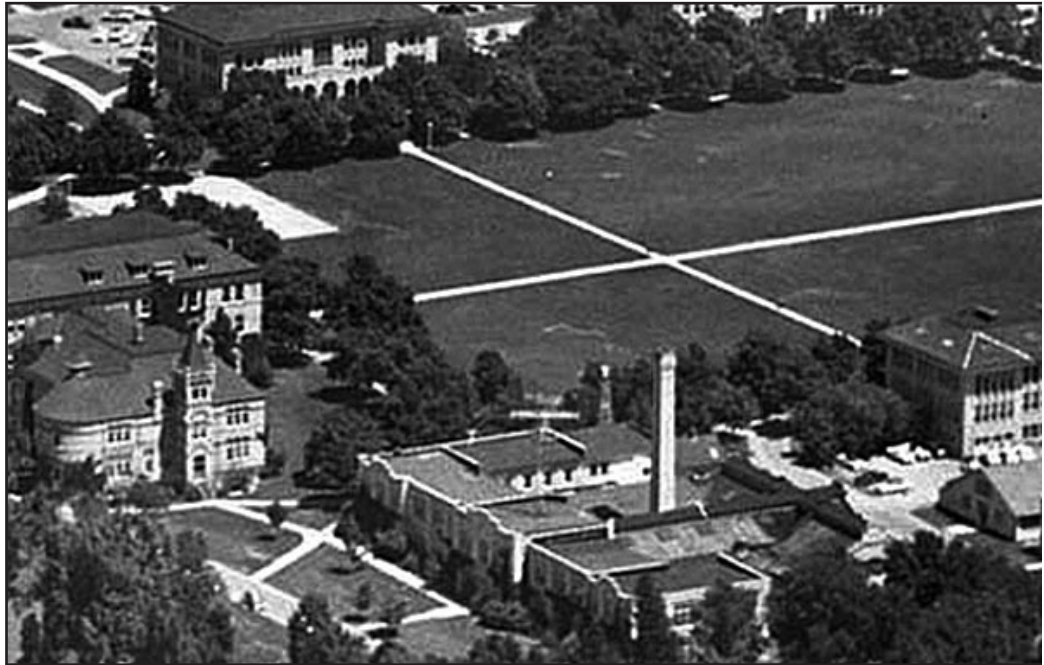
Aggie Ice Cream was invented just off of the Quad in the basement of the Animal Science building by Gustav Wilster. Ice cream was sold at an outlet on the first floor.

"Famous Aggie Ice Cream," which is a brief history of Aggie Ice Cream compiled by current nutrition and food sciences professor Donald J. McMahon reveals that Aggie Ice Cream was sold on the Quad until the 1970s.

Though military and ROTC drills were a prominent use of the Quad in its early days and through the world wars, an online collection of USU Historical Photographs shows the quad used for a variety of activities.

Snowshoe carnivals, with both male and female students participating, occurred throughout the 1940s and 50s. In the '60s there is a record of a Watermelon Bust. Parson also

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**THE QUAD HAS UNDERGONE** major changes over the years, including building a library, tearing it down and beginning construction on a new Agriculture Science building. *photos courtesy SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (above) and BRECK BYINGTON (below).*



## The non-traditional students of USU

By MEGAN ALLEN  
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In December, Kevin Murphy finished his first semester at Utah State. He is majoring in English with an emphasis in technical writing and dreams of becoming a freelance writer. He attended SOAR and took the freshman Connections class.

However, one thing stands out about Murphy, making him different from the typical freshman at USU.

Murphy is 52 years old.

Murphy is just one of the many Aggies classified as non-traditional students.

By University Admissions standards, a non-traditional student is someone who has been out of school for seven years or more. Standardized test scores are no longer factored into admission, they just focus on grade point averages.

However, the Access and Diversity Center has a looser definition of what makes someone non-traditional.

Jacob Scharton is an intern who works with non-traditional and veteran students through the Access and Diversity Center.

"We see non-traditional students as anyone who doesn't feel like they fit into the typical college student demographic," he said.

Things like age, race, sexual orientation and religious affiliation are factors that may make a student feel like they don't fit in.

Non-traditional students return for a university education for many reasons.

Murphy worked in sales for more than 20 years after high school but eventually couldn't take it anymore.

"I was completely burned out," he said.

Murphy said he was at the point where he was physically and emotionally

torn up enough to seek professional help. His doctor directed him to a psychology professor at USU.

After talking to him, Murphy said they recommended he get involved with a vocational rehabilitation program.

Vocational rehab provides a way for mentally, emotionally, and physically disabled people to get back into the work force.

Through the program, they ran "every test imaginable" and found Murphy to be above the bar in all areas. When that happens, they suggest returning to school.

And that is how Murphy ended up at Utah State.

The university provides many opportunities and resources for non-traditional students.

Every incoming student is required to attend Student Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR), before they can register for classes. The SOAR office holds a special session for non-traditional students.

"We do it for them at night, rather than all day with the typical freshmen, because so many of them have jobs or kids to watch during the day," said Lisa Hancock, SOAR program administrator.

Freshmen also have the option of participating in a two-credit class taught the week before school starts called Connections. This year, the office for Retention and Student Success decided to offer a 10-week section of Connections specifically for non-traditional students.

Noelle Call, director of Retention and Student Success, said the intent of the Connections experience is to provide non-traditional students an opportunity to explore and learn about the university environment, develop academic connections, and discover ways to broaden their educational experience.

"The course is designed to for students who are older than the traditional incoming students with emphasis on balancing work, school and family," she said.

Like the regular sections, students discover academic, financial and health resources, learn how to navigate the

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## Waitlisting: have opinions changed?

By JESSICA SWEAT  
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As students return for another semester at Utah State University, so does the recently implemented waitlist feature.

Introduced for fall semester 2010, the feature allows students the option of being placed on a waitlist if a class is full. Once on the list, students wait for notification that a spot has opened in the class.

The notification currently comes by e-mail and informs students that they have a 24-hour time frame in which they must register for the open spot before it is offered to the next student on the list.

After previously meeting with groups varying from students, faculty, and advisers, registrar John Mortensen said it was decided this would be a fair way to serve students on a "first come, first serve basis."

Mortensen said response to the waitlist has been mostly positive. Mortensen said it was considered that rank should overrule students waiting for a class. This would mean a senior trying to register for a full class would override a junior or sophomore and take the open position even if they were located lower on the list.

However, there was a consensus agreeing that priority registration gives higher-ranked students opportunity to be admitted into classes before other students and it would be best to continue on that first come, first served basis.

Even with the positive response, Mortensen said the feature is still "a work in progress" and has been open to suggestions and ideas for how the system could improve.

"I am glad this feature has become a part of registering because it makes the whole process more organized," said Haley Austin, a junior in interior design.

Austin also said while she feels getting into classes is a bit more difficult, the new process is "definitely more fair." She said that even with an add/drop slip in your hand on the first day of class, you weren't ever guaranteed a spot in the class.

Ashley Hillam, junior in art, had an experience supporting Austin's claim.

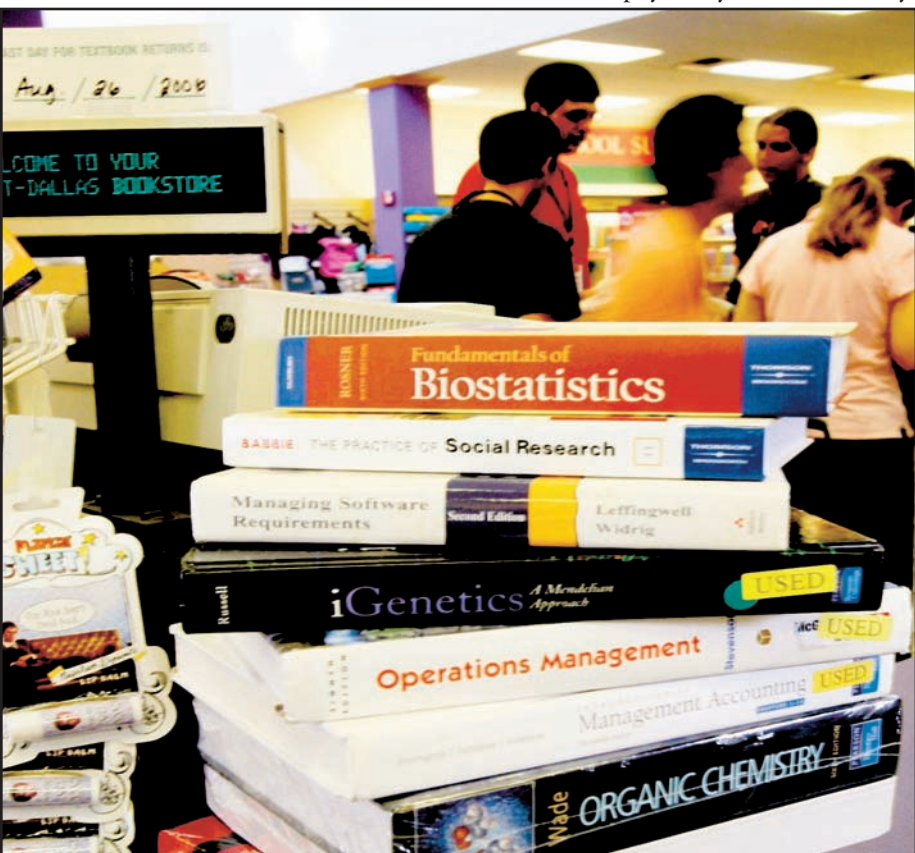
"I once went to class the first day, with my add/drop slip. But because so many students came, the professor just denied all of us," said Hillam. "Usually professors are really good about trying to get you into their class, but you can't always rely on that."

The waitlist "is a better system than the add/drop slips. I believe it is a step in the right direction," Hillam said.

Hillam also said one problem is that not enough sections of a certain class are offered.

Mortensen said waitlisting can help solve that issue. Every week Mortensen compiles a report that includes data on how many individual students are enrolled and waitlisted for a class and the date the class reaches capacity. He then sends it to the

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**MANY STUDENTS AT USU** are considered non-traditional students, meaning they have been out of college for seven years or more. The transition back into college life can be overwhelming, but the university has programs available to try and ease the stress. *McClatchy-Tribune photo*



# History: A place to socialize

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said the first football games were played on the Quad. Before the Merrill library, the site at the east end of the Quad regularly became a tent city through the Cooperative Extension Farmer Encampment held throughout the 1920s. The photography collection shows pictures of these, as well as “Encampment Newspapers.” One published July 28, 1922 mentions general sessions for the farmers attending, as well

**“By the end of the 1930s, the quad was pretty close to the way it is now. The sidewalks weren’t in exactly the same place. A lot of the trees now were planted during the 1930s period”**

**– Bob Parson, USU Archivist**

Today, True Aggie Night, A-Day and Day on the Quad, all facilitated by ASUSU, are regular Quad activities. Last summer the Alumni Band held their concerts on the Quad as well. During good weather, many students use the Quad as a place to study, socialize and play sports, keeping with the original objective of the Quad in 1912 that it be a common area for students and faculty to enjoy.

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# No paradise for the lonely

I don’t know about y’all, but oh man; it’s good to be back. Seriously, it’s true. I couldn’t be more relieved to be back in the shoulder-bumping, alternative-lifestyle infested land plot that is the Utah State University campus. Everyone’s scuffing boots, almost scheduled coughs and consistent whining about Steven Tyler being the new American Idol judge is sweet music to my ears.

In fact, I may be a little more excited to be walking in a sea of people than usual. This could be because of my admiration for the Verve’s “Bittersweet Symphony” music video, but something tells me it is most likely due to my personal, and insurmountably boring excursions last week.

It was lonely, quite lonely, straight-out-of-an-Emily-Dickinson-poem lonely. A sickening collegiate-level cross between “I Am Legend,” “Home Alone,” and several Ben Folds Five songs that began with the relief of having the apartment all to myself and ended in a mild state of insanity and hideous looking facial hair. I should have seen it coming when I pulled into my apartment’s unplowed parking lot. I carried three suitcases, a backpack, two pillows, suits on hangers and my black cowboy boots up to my place – I wasn’t a big fan of making two trips to my car and up three flights of stairs in the bitter cold. I tumbled inside and plopped onto the couch.

Somebody left a giant lump of meat thawing in the fridge for three weeks, causing it to smell like a mix of death and Amy Winehouse’s back hair, but nonetheless it seemed to be the start of a relaxing, peaceful week of sleeping in until noon, eating my own weight in rice-a-roni and spending five hours a day in a desk for a math refresher course. Not a terrible trade for a little time for Steve.

This all played out well for me until day three, when I finally looked at my phone and realized nobody had texted me for almost four days. I’m 22 years old, I can only let my hanging out tank ride on fumes for so long until I, like most my age, begin to have withdrawals.

I did anything I could to occupy my severe case of boredom. I did push-ups, read all of Hamlet, watched 15 minutes of Jersey Shore, Facebook-stalked seemingly everybody, found a hidden passion for the song “Rock Lobster” by the B-52s, purchased half a refrigerator’s worth of generic sodas from a nearby vending machine with change I found under the couch, I even started a lip-syncing boy band.

I tried everything, and every endeavor made me all the more deranged. I’m positive I was only a dead dog and self-personified mannequin from honestly losing it.

By day six I was a medical case. I hadn’t slept in two days and I wouldn’t have been shocked if I had drunk my own urine at some point without realizing it. Sometimes leaving a single man in his 20s home alone is almost as dangerous as leaving your iron on in the boiler room.

I had just gotten finished watching ESPN-NEWS for the eighth consecutive time, throwing tennis balls as hard as I could at the living room wall and pretending they were landing in New York City and I was Orson Welles reciting “War of the Worlds,” when I heard the front door screech open.

I shot onto my feet and hid behind the front wall – I’m dead serious – as I cracked the living room door open and looked down the hall to see my roommate Joseph walk in and plop his bags to the ground. He stared at me for a moment and said, “What’s up?” I peered deeply at his face and stood silent for 20 seconds or so, all I could get out was “you ... you’re here,” in a half raspy voice.

Finally my week alone was over. By the grace of something not of this world I was blessed with a gentle, exuberant, pale-faced peer with whom to share my thoughts, desires, random anecdotes and possibly a two-liter of Fresca. I couldn’t wait to take my well-needed comrade along and find some sort of adventure to bring this monumental week of solitude to a close.

We watched Sports Center, and then went to bed. Yep, it’s good to be back. Best of luck this semester – remember to stay sane, and be sure to listen to the B-52s. Trust me; they’ll speak to you.

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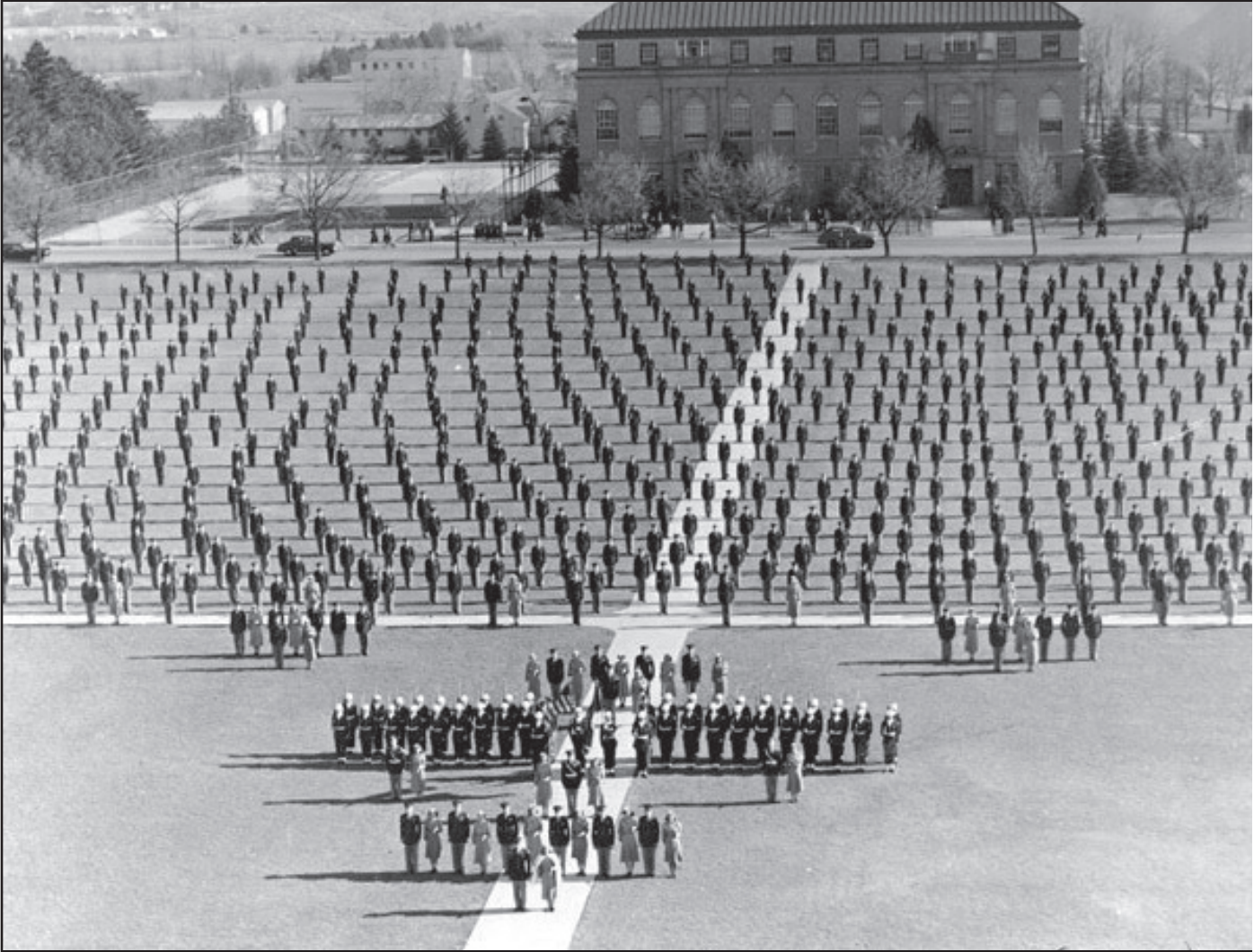


Just a few laughs

STEVE SCHWARTZMAN



**MANY LARGE EVENTS HAVE** taken place on the Quad. More relaxed, warm weather events such as the Watermelon Bust (left) which was held in the 1960s. There were also more formal events just as the full ROTC lineup which took place in 1950. The Merril Library is seen in the background, dedicated in 1969, then was demolished in 2006 after the new Merril-Cazier library was completed. *photos courtesy SPECIAL COLLECTIONS*



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# Following the trend with original cupcakes

Have you ever had that experience where you start to get into something cool and before you know it, everyone else seems to be into it, too? It makes you start to wonder, “Did I really like it first, or am I just the same as everybody else?”

And it just gets worse from there, because then you start thinking that maybe you should pretend not to like whatever it was you liked to save yourself the humiliation of being an unoriginal follower.

This is what happened to me with cupcakes. I suddenly starting thinking that cupcakes were the best things ever around the same time Martha Stewart decided to write an entire cookbook on them, and just slightly before a shop opened in Logan that sells nothing but every variety of cupcake you could ever imagine.

I will admit, my pride wanted me to pretend that cupcakes were not really that great and act like I had no interest in making my own cupcake inventions, but in the end it wasn't worth it. Cupcakes are just too cool.

So it's up to you. You can be a pathetic, trendy sheep and make these cupcake recipes and impress all of your friends, or you can be original and make something like... cookies. The choice is yours.

## Peanut Butter Filled Chocolate Cupcakes

### For the filling:

1 cup powdered sugar  
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter  
4 tablespoons butter, at room temperature  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

### For the cake:

1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
8 tablespoons butter, at room temperature  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 eggs

### For the frosting:

8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature  
4 tablespoons butter, softened  
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter  
3 1/4 cups powdered sugar  
1 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and line two cupcake pans with paper liners.

To make the filling, combine the powdered sugar, peanut butter, butter and vanilla and mix until well combined. Roll into 24 1-inch balls and set aside.

To make the cake batter, combine the butter and sugar in a medium mixing bowl and beat until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in the eggs.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.

In another bowl, combine the sour cream, milk and vanilla extract.

Alternate adding the dry ingredients and the wet ingredients to the butter mixture and beat just until incorporated.\*

Spoon a tablespoon of batter into the bottom of each baking cup. Place a ball of peanut butter filling in each cupcake well and top with remaining batter so that all of the cups are filled. Bake for 18-22 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Cool completely before frosting.

To make the frosting, beat the cream cheese, butter and peanut butter until smooth. Slowly mix in the powdered sugar, beating until smooth and well-blended. Fold in the whipped topping until well mixed and fluffy. Frost as desired.



**MAKING ORIGINAL CUPCAKES** has become a trend, but it doesn't mean that is a bad thing. These cupcakes are both eye-catching and delicious. *JENNELLE CLARK photo*

\* Note: The reason you want to be careful not to over-mix cake batters is because when you mix the protein in flour with liquids, gluten forms, and cakes can get tough and chewy when there is too much gluten in the batter.

## Vanilla Cupcakes with Strawberry Meringue Buttercream Frosting

This recipe is all about the frosting. In fact, I often just make cupcakes using a cake mix (it saves time, and to be honest is just as good as anything I could make) and then put all my energy into making this delicious topping for them. This frosting also tastes great on chocolate cupcakes.

1 1/2 cups (8 oz.) fresh strawberries, rinsed and coarsely chopped  
4 egg whites  
1 1/4 cups sugar

1 1/2 cups butter, cut into tablespoons, at room temperature

Puree the strawberries in a food processor and set aside.

Combine egg whites and sugar in a small saucepan and set over another saucepan of simmering water.

Whisk constantly until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is warm to the touch. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and beat until stiff peaks form.


Continue mixing as you add the butter, a little at a time, until totally incorporated.

Add strawberries and beat just until combined.

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## Tradition: Teaching balance

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Blackboard system and use the library. They also hear about campus activities that engage them and their families.

Vicky Pope, an adviser in University Advising and former non-traditional student herself, teaches the non-traditional Connections course.

“We focus much more on study skills, building confidence, networking, resources for families,” she said. “We also spend more time on technology because many students do not have sufficient computer skills.”

Pope said she brings in guest speakers to talk to her students. They focus on non-traditional student issues like finding the balance between work, school, and family.

The class ranges in age from the early 20s to 56. There are students who are married and students who are divorced. There are single parents, returned LDS missionaries, and veterans.

“The class was incredibly diverse, which made it so much more fun,” Pope said.

Murphy was one of the students in Pope's class.

“I really enjoyed it,” he said. “It reminded me that I wasn't as old as I thought I was, and that there are people out there with infinitely more complicated situations than mine.”

Tony Flores, program coordinator for non-traditional and veteran students, said they do not presently have numbers or statistics on these students. They are researching and trying to find the best system to see how many students they have and their retention and graduation rates.

This is the first year the Access and Diversity Center has really had a strong focus on non-traditional students, he said.

The Access and Diversity Center has varied resources and programs in development for these students.

The Access and Diversity Center is trying to develop a peer mentoring program where new students can pair up with other non-traditional students who have been through a couple years of school.

“One of the biggest challenges for our students is their math preparation,” Scharton said. “We want to help them refresh their skills before school starts.”

The other challenge the office faces is helping the students realize the challenges that come with coming back to school.

“You can't just say ‘OK, I'm going to college now,’” Scharton said. “It takes effort. It's not easy, but it's worth it.”

The office helps the students identify the challenges of finding housing, child care and financial aid, he said.

Murphy said he has really appreciated all the help the university has offered.

“You can go through the catalog for a month and still miss something,” he said. “Vicky pointed out everything, and in everything she pointed out, I found something that helped me.”

No matter the reason for leaving or choosing not to attend college, or the reason for returning, there is help available for students.

The Access and Diversity Center is located in room 313 of the Taggart Student Center. More information about their programs, as well as contact information, is available on their website.

After 36 years, Murphy has returned to the classroom and he said it is something he does not regret. While he said it is tough to get back into the discipline of school, he is looking forward to the experiences he will have.

“This is a really neat school,” he said. “I'm having a great time and am glad I came.”

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# Waitlist: Students want a longer time window

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department head of each college.

Mortensen said this informs each department of how fast and how in demand some courses are. Mortensen has found that some department heads have been responsive and accommodating.

Katie Parker, junior in exercise science said, "I have found the waitlist system useful and have been able to get in a few of my classes as a result. The only thing I wish was different was a 48-hour time allotment instead of 24."

Parker said she was once out of town and missed her e-

mail notification resulting in losing her opportunity to add a class she wanted to register for.

Addie Lott, an undeclared sophomore, was positive about the waitlist even after missing her chance to add a class.

"It's a good idea. It gives you a chance to get into your classes by notifying you when there is an opening, but that time frame is too short," she said.

Mortensen said one of the largest concerns he hears are from those who were late to respond to a notification. He said when he discovered

some schools utilize their emergency systems to notify students of a waitlist opening via phone, it was brought up as a suggestion. However, Mortensen said for now, this option is simply being explored.

Lott was able to register for her class by attending the first class and receiving a signature from art professor Craig Law.

In regards to the waitlist feature, Law said, "It seems to work, but a lot of students don't seem to come the first day. The ones that show up are the ones I pay attention to."

Law said the old system

required his students to see a secretary before he could even sign students into his course. Law said the waitlist gives students more control.

This may be why Law is part of the majority of professors who have not opted out of using the waitlist feature. Mortensen said faculty members who do choose to opt out of the feature, do so because they want to fill any openings by their own system and preference of who they want to accept.

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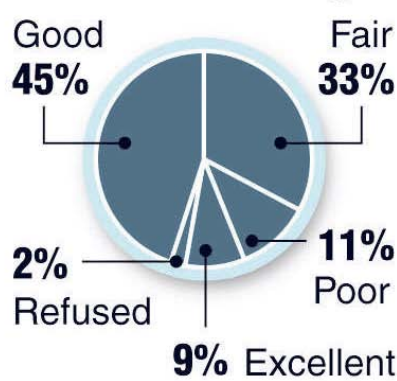


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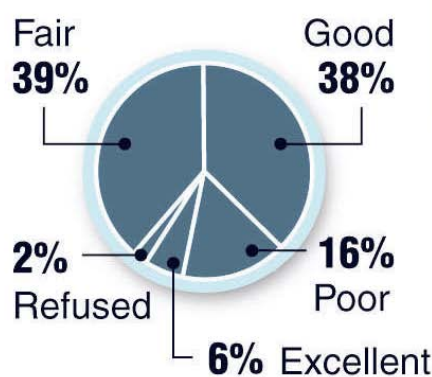
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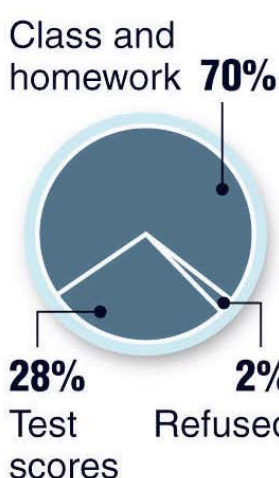


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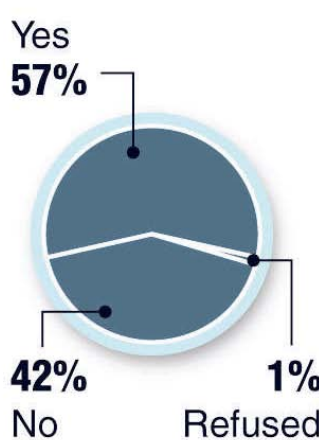
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What were the best and worst parts of your break?

"The best part was hiking up to a yurt for New Years, the worst was having to work too many hours at Beaver."

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junior, watershed science



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# Views & Opinion

## Our View

### Enjoy the holiday, and remember why it's here

Jan. 17 marks the 25th anniversary of the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. In looking back at King's life and work as a civil rights activist, it's not surprising many are moved to follow in his wake.

King was a pivotal player in the Civil Rights movement, in part due to his devotion to empowerment of the weak, healing of the brokenhearted, the raising up of the oppressed, and equality for all. It's difficult to dispute that he was a man of controversy during the 1960s, a time when segregation was still very much in practice and a class distinction was upheld by racial discrimination. King's determination to raise awareness of the hypocrisy of racism and a hopeful outlook for the future was a catalyst for change in our country.

Today, the annual celebration held every third Monday in January, has become a "day off" for many Americans. It's a day students recuperate from the first week of spring classes; a time businesspeople stay home and relax; those who are recreationally inclined use it as an excuse to spend the day skiing or snowboarding. This year, we invite you to look for a way to serve in our community. Find a way to embody the Reverend's ideals, whether in a grandiose display or a quiet act of kindness.

Civil rights have undeniably come a long way, bringing to our lives people and opportunities we wouldn't have had 50 years ago. With the rising generation comes the question of what and whom civil rights protect, or should protect. We may not judge or discriminate against people as much because of race, but in terms of sexual, religious, educational and economical values, our country is torn. Is it right to say two people aren't allowed to marry because of their sexuality? Is it wrong to deny someone employment because of their lack of education, even if they have adequate experience? Are children entitled to medical rights that override a parent's wishes? Where do we draw the line between too restrictive and too politically correct? Somewhere there is a line, but it could take generations to find it. To summarize: Civil Rights - we're for them.

## Stretch yourself and smell the roses

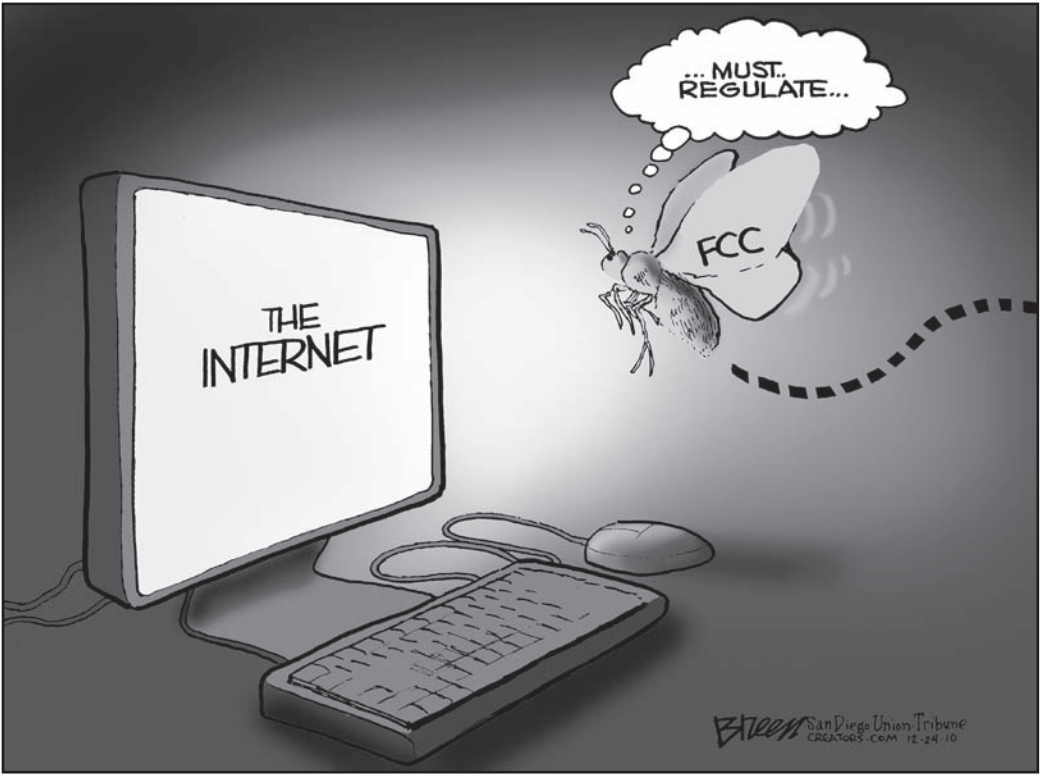
First off, I am writing today because we were unable to schedule a faculty member for our weekly Faculty Voices column. So, if there are any members of the staff reading this that have thought "Hmm, I could write a decent column for The Statesman" or "Man, I wish I had a stage from which to proclaim a roughly 800-word rant on the travesties of modern warfare (or any other rant-inducing topic)" then please, contact us.

Moving on. This week I have been bombarded with feelings of nostalgia. As I walked through the TSC on Monday it occurred to me that it would be my last first-day at Utah State University. I suddenly began taking extra notice of the details around me: the flags lining the ceiling of the international lounge, the view of the patio from the upstairs windows, the sound of a hundred wet shoes scurrying along the corridors.

It was pleasant, then I remembered it was only a matter of months until I was unemployed and homeless with no direction other than what the wind blows me toward. The first symptoms of a quarter-life crisis began to appear. I thought about getting a tattoo on my head, buying a motorcycle, dating a cheerleader - well, if I could I would, regardless of crisis.

While I was in this introspective state, it just so happened that I had to go visit Special Collections to research an article I'm writing. I love it down there, I've had a chance to tour the archives and it is fascinating how much old Aggie stuff they have down there. There's been a few days where I've had some time between classes so I go read next to Old Ephraim's head - it's huge!

As fate would have it, my research involved looking through the old student yearbooks from 1960 to 1965. A lot has changed - the very existence of a yearbook being, for one - but even more was the same: True Aggie night, Homecoming parade, the arts, athletics, recreation on the Quad, and the Greeks were in just as much control of ASUSU as always. I looked through hundreds of photographs of students who came to Logan to spend their



## Forum Letters

Letters to the editor • A public forum

### LDS leaders' views on sex ed

To the editor:

How the First Presidency feels about sex education in public school:

"We believe that serious hazards are involved in entrusting to the schools the teaching of this vital and important subject to our children. This responsibility cannot wisely be left to society, nor the schools; nor can the responsibility be shifted to the Church. It is the responsibility of parents to see that they fully perform their duty in this respect. Talk to your parents. Ask them your questions. It will honor them, and you will discover that they are the persons who can best answer your candid and honest questions. When sex education is presented in school, discuss it with your parents and together keep things in perspective." (Policies and Procedures", New Era, Nov. 1971, 47)

[T]he observance of one clearly understandable and divinely given rule would do more than all else to check this [AIDS] epidemic. That is chastity before marriage and total fidelity after marriage.

Prophets of God have repeatedly taught through the ages that practices of homosexual relations, fornication, and adultery are grievous sins. Sexual relations outside the bonds of marriage are forbidden by the Lord. We reaffirm those teachings." (Gordon B. Hinckley, April 1987 General Conference)

President Hinckley goes

on to quote a USA Today article:

"More sex education in public schools will not reverse the damaging legacy of the sexual revolution unless the clear message is premarital chastity and marital monogamy."

This writer continues: "There are many defects in sex education courses. The philosophy behind them is to ridicule chastity, scoff at fidelity, and glamorize sexual adventurism. They teach there is no such thing as right and wrong."

"Thirty years of advocating sexual liberation has brought raging venereal diseases and rampant teenage pregnancy."

"Most sex education in the public schools morally disarms the students rather than giving them moral sensitivity to help them make the proper sexual choices." (Tottie Ellis, Teaching about Sex Endangers Children, 16 Mar. 1987).

Cherie Bennett

### Parents have responsibility

To the editor:

I vehemently disagree with the conclusion in Monday's article entitled "Comprehensive Sex Education."

Stated, the "policy of the state of Utah and the overarching national policy to teach abstinence-only sex education leads to a lack of understanding of exactly what options people have in terms of their reproductive health..."

Exactly what options do we have? Here's one: IF you don't keep your pants zipped, you WILL eventually experience so called "unplanned" results: pregnancy, STIs, etc. IF I don't want to get fat, I must stop eating deep fried twinkies five times a day. Epiphany!

Consequences are real. The issue is not whether the "overwhelming majority of 16-year-olds possess enough maturity to engage in a serious relationship." The real issue? IT IS THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY to teach their children about sex.

The article stated, "Unfortunately, many parents do not take an active role in their children's education. It then becomes only reasonable that the public education system take responsibility." Hold it! Let's take this line of thought further. If I as a parent do not take what the government sees as an active role in any given topic, say seat belts, or exercise (since obesity is a national epidemic), I should just let the government take charge. Let THEM deal with it. Right?

Why do we insist on turning everything, even things as sacred as our God-given ability and responsibility regarding procreation, over to the corrupt, irresponsible, inefficient, myriads of government? Take responsibility as a parent to teach your own children. Take responsibility as a child to be taught by your parents.

Just because something is lacking in your awareness of a subject, doesn't mean we should throw another ball into the government's losing court.

David Nilson

## The hypocrisy of conservatism

When a politician says he supports gay marriage but votes against it, we call him a hypocrite. When a politician doesn't support gay marriage but says he supports small government, we call him a Conservative.

During the search for my political soul I was once a hardcore Democrat who believed that the government had a responsibility to take care of those who were less fortunate. I supported Obama's health care legislation with the hopes that it would someday evolve into a European-style universal health care system.

I now find myself a firm believer of individual liberty and personal responsibility. It should not be the government's job to be our safety net. We should not be forced to pay for services that only a select minority has access to, such as farm subsidies or unemployment benefits. The government should not dictate how we should live our lives. I say, "Live and let live."

While my mind was battling to see



which political camp would seize my love and devotion, it never once crossed my mind to consider conservatism. You see, conservatism is not really a political ideology. Rather it is a label in which people can hold absolutely contradictory political views without suffering debilitating cognitive dissonance.

Now conservatives aren't bad people. Like every other political philosophy, conservatism is held as the solution to the many political problems of our country. It is their approach to public policy however, that I have a problem with.

Conservatives believes that good government is small government. They say states, not the federal government, should have the most say when it comes to public policy. They are aghast at the amount of debt the federal government has managed to rack up - that's \$14 trillion, with a T - and call for a return to fiscal responsibility.

But within this same breath they claim that they also want to bring our country back to "family values," to support the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq blindly, and to trample on our individual liberties with

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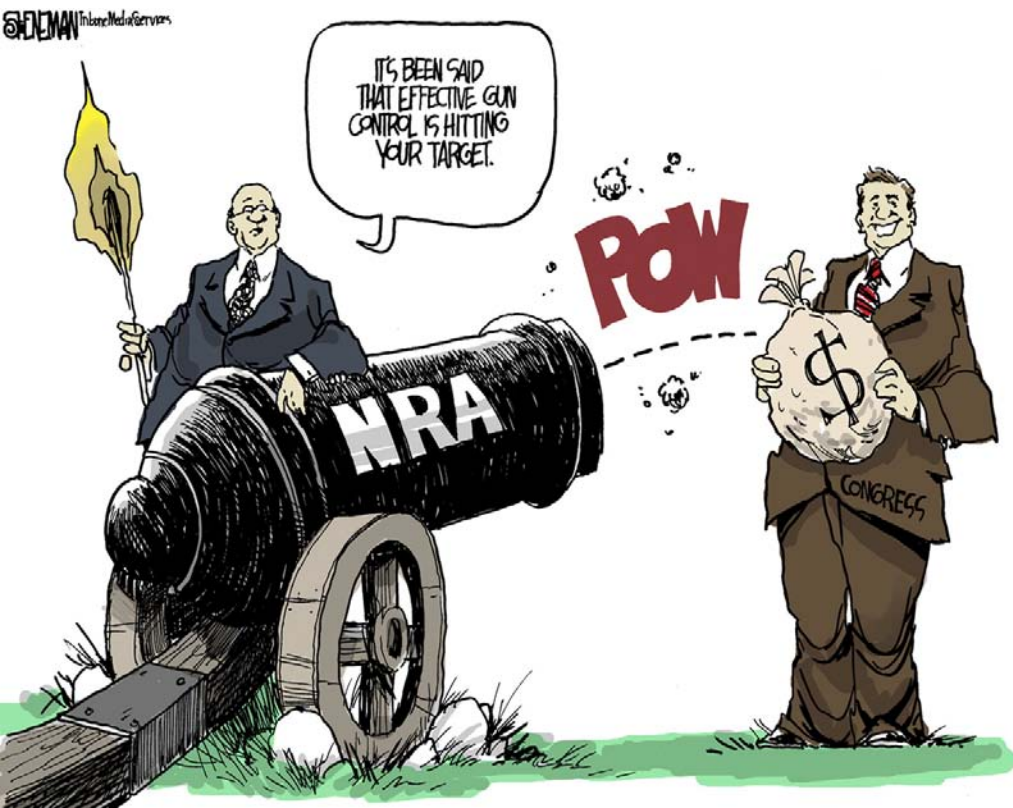
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## Change: New ideas improve us

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undergraduate years. They made friends, they made memories, they wore the colors and sang the songs.

It made me feel small by comparison, but the beautiful thing about our time here is knowing that we're part of something big.

When you're a journalist, you have the odd experience of being in contact with a number of different groups without belonging to any of them. You attend events, meetings, gatherings. You get feedback, both good and bad. You receive hot tips under anonymity from warring factions. Often I have found myself getting swept away by the petty differences that divide the various entities that make up the inner politics at USU and losing sight of the bigger picture that in our differences, we are all Aggies. We love our school.

Humans are social animals and it is a natural consequence that in time we surround ourselves with minds that are similar to our own. We seek out people who dress the same, look the same, think the same, listen to the same music and enjoy the same activities. It is a natural consequence, but it is also unfortunate, because each one of us is the center of our own uni-

verses and the more we insulate ourselves with mirrored personalities the easier it becomes to believe that our way of thinking is the only way.

If we do that, no matter what we achieve or to what heights we excel during our time at Utah State, we will have failed. Each one of us is but a drop in an enormous sea of ideas and experiences and it is that union of thought that is the legacy of higher education.

So if you, like me, are suddenly facing your academic mortality I suggest you try something new. I have essentially lived in Animal Science for the last three-and-a-half years, but this semester I'm taking a music class, and yoga. For everyone though, I would challenge you to avoid creating a hive mind out of your social circles, rather than forming them as seems to be the popular trend. You learn so much more from your polar opposite, than your closest friend.

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## Freedom: Conservative views on small gov't inconsistent

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policies such as the War on Drugs.

This is why I have such a hard time taking conservatives seriously. They make a valid case that government should be small and fiscally responsible but at the same time they are willing to justify a huge federal government in order to shove moral legislation down our throats.

Conservatives say that government should stay out of our lives ... that is unless you're gay. See, if you're GLBT you suddenly do not have the right to marry. You don't deserve the legal rights and protections that come along with a loving marriage. Same-sex attraction is unnatural and disturbs the natural order. In other words, you are a second-class citizen.

The conservative hypocrisy can be seen clearly. They believe government should not dictate our day-to-day lives but apparently that only applies to heterosexuals. Average people would somehow have to resolve these two contradictory positions. Conservatism claims you don't have to.

Try this for yourself. Ask a Conservative you know if they would support the government telling us what we should and should not eat. Chances are their answer would be a resounding "NO!" Now ask them about drug use and watch as they turn into a staunch defender of the War on Drugs.

Even though conservatives say they stand for small government and fiscal responsibility, when it comes to the moral issue of drug use, they suddenly believe in justified government intervention. It is their hypocrisy that has given us this expensive and ineffective War on Drugs.

The War on Drugs has been waging for almost 40 years and we have nothing to show for it. By the government's very own standards we have lost. So what has the government's response been? We need more money! That's the answer drug enforcement agencies and states have been giving for almost four decades. Even though the War on Drugs has had no real impact in terms of drug use or drug availability, we continue to spend over \$40 billion dollars a year on this failed program.

But the damage has not just been wasteful spending. Millions of lives have literally been ruined by the government. Instead of treating drug users as people who may need rehabilitation, we instead throw them into prison to rot away. Even harmless drugs such as marijuana have landed hundreds into prison with life sentences. All the while, conservatives are claiming that they are fixing America's moral ills.

Freedom does not come in pieces but as a whole. It is simply a cop-out to support individual liberty for some but not for others. True conservatism is the belief that government should never impede on mine, your or anyone else's rights. True conservatives understand that government is not a force for good but a force for coercion and violence. This is why I am a Libertarian.

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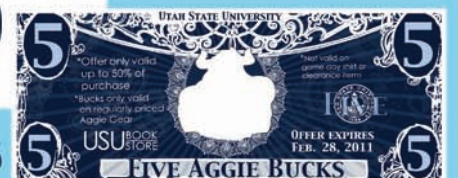
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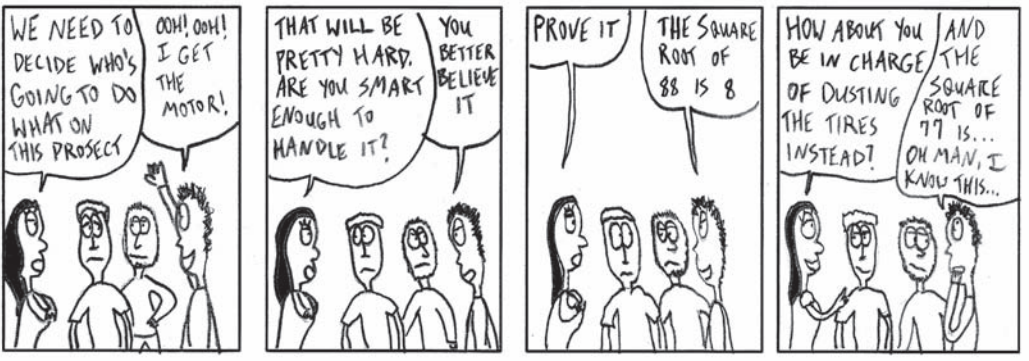




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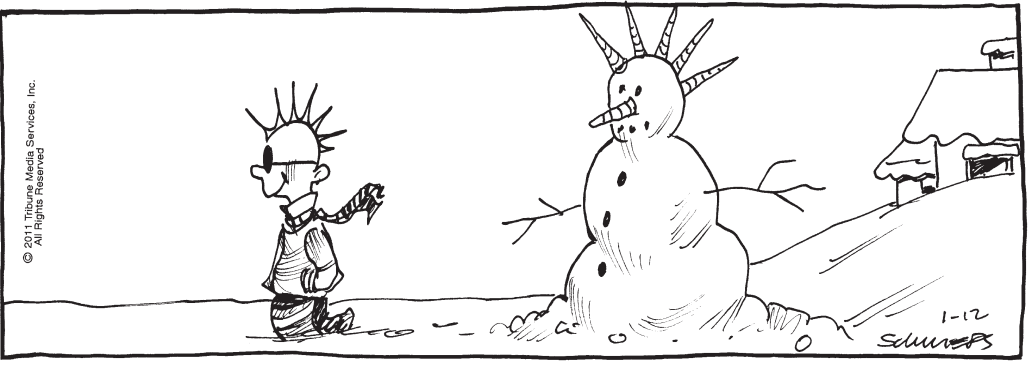
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<b>Next 3 Days PG-13</b> Daily 9:45 NO 9:45 on Sundays	<b>Red PG-13</b> Daily 7:20, 9:40 NO 9:40 on Sundays

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**ACROSS**  
1 Magic  
5 Time in a classified ad  
8 Syrian president  
13 Surrounded by  
14 Bud  
15 Little wood  
16 M  
19 So-so connection?  
20 \_\_\_ forces  
21 Senate majority leader Harry  
23 Baseball stat.  
25 Ma  
28 More clownish  
31 Doesn't try to reach the green, in golf  
32 Current letters  
33 Less taxing  
37 Max  
43 Most tender  
44 Pace  
45 Low-quality  
49 Sumatran swingers  
51 Maxi  
55 Site of a 1981 sitcom  
56 Minute amount  
57 \_\_\_ badge  
59 "Big Blue"  
62 Maxim  
66 Old number?  
67 Instrument on which Jake Shimabukuro can play  
"Bohemian Rhapsody"  
68 Kind of officer or shark  
69 Meg and Robert  
70 \_\_\_ Perce tribe  
71 Asian beef source

**DOWN**  
1 Goya subject  
35 Vane dir.  
36 Part of TGIF  
38 AOL et al.  
39 Culture medium  
40 Lover of Yum-Yum in "The Mikado"  
41 Little butt?  
42 Gold meas.

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Today is Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Kristin Virgi, a Senior majoring in elementary education from Pleasant Pittsburgh, PA.

## Almanac

**Today in History:** In 1989, after eight years as president of the United States, Ronald Reagan gives his farewell address to the American people. In his speech, President Reagan spoke with particular enthusiasm about the foreign policy achievements of his administration.

## Weather

**High:** 27° **Low:** 20°  
**Skies:** Mostly cloudy



## Wednesday Jan. 12

- Math anxiety workshop, TSC 335, 3:30 p.m.
- MLK Jr. Candlelight Vigil, TSC Ballroom, 6 p.m.
- Music and poetry open mic night at Why Sound, 8 p.m.

## Thursday Jan. 13

- New weight watcher session starts, TSC 335, 11:45 a.m.
- Inst. Technology and Learning presentations, EDUC 282 Noon
- Men's Basketball at Boise State 8:15 p.m.

## Friday Jan. 14

- Last day to add classes without instructor's signature
- Tuition and fee payment due
- Registration purge, no registration permitted
- Men's Tennis at BYU 5 p.m.
- Women's Gymnastics vs. BYU 7 p.m.
- Antics Comedy Improv, Logan Arthouse, 10:30 p.m. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., TSC.

## MLK vigil

Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil will be held tonight in the TSC Ballroom at 6 p.m. The event features speaker Mark Flores and performances by members of the USU Black Student Union. Activities are free and all are invited.

## Registrar dates

The Registrar's Office would like to remind everyone that Jan. 14 is the last day to add without instructor's signature and tuition and fee payment deadline. Jan 15-17 no registration permitted.

## Full moon hike

Stokes Nature Center invites ages 12+ to a Full Moon Hike at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 in Logan Canyon. Bring your cross country skis or rent snowshoes from SNC. Meet at the Logan Ranger District parking lot to carpool. Free but space is limited, registration is required. For more info or to register, call 435-755-3239 or visit [www.logannature.org](http://www.logannature.org).

## Food pantry

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day by helping replenish the Cache Community Food Pantry. With music by local Beatles band Get Back, get \$1 off admission for every can of food you donate! Jan 17 at 7-8:30 p.m. Whittier Center 290 North 400 East, Logan. \$3 or FREE with 3 cans of food.

## Wellness expo

Come to the Wellness Expo where interactive booths, displays, and health screenings will be available to help make your New Year's resolutions a success! Jan. 20 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. TSC 2nd floor. Find out more information about nutrition, fitness, relaxation, sustainability, and financial health.

## You need to know....

Utah State University College Republicans will be offering a **concealed weapons class** on campus Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. AGSC Room 202. Anybody over age 21 is welcome. Cost is \$45 that can be paid on the day of the class. To RSVP or ask a question e-mail us at [usu.gop@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:usu.gop@aggiemail.usu.edu).

Northern Utah **Marriage Celebration** Feb. 11, 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (bonus workshops from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and entertainment from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. at Weber State University- Shepherd Union Building. Tickets available through any SmithsTix location. Early registration is only \$25 per couple or \$15 per individual through January 31.

## Flight Deck • Peter Waldner



## Strange Brew • Peter Deering



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